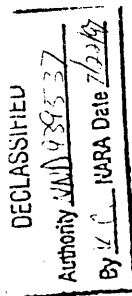


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POLITICAL

1. GOJ Policy Statements and Dist Interpellations

In major policy speeches before Diet January 23 and subsequent interpellations PriMin and FonMin set forth principal GOJ policies for months ahead:

Korean Relations: GOJ believes present domestic crisis in ROK will not change ROK attitudes toward ROK-Japan settlement and GOJ will pursue negotiations, though recognizing some delay may be inevitable. GOJ continues insist upon package settlement all issues and will not make loans to ROK before normalization.

Communist China: GOJ will continue separate trade and political policies. Trade will be promoted on private basis and on terms in line

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with Western European ChiCom trade and in manner consistent with Japanese trading practice with other Asian countries. Questions political recognition and ChiCom entry into UN will require careful study. GOJ will cooperate to prevent spread of communism in Asia.

USSR: Trade will be conducted from standpoint Japan's position in Free World. Decision on pipe exports to be made independently after observing attitude other countries.

Nuclear Testing: GOJ welcomed signs progress toward nuclear test ban.

Nuclear Submarines: If question visit nuclear sub arises, Government will give full study, but sees no grounds at this time for denial port privileges; POLARIS might be different matter, however. (Item 7)

ILO Convention 87: Bill ratifying convention and related domestic law revisions will be submitted to current session.

Economic Assistance: GOJ will move ahead with aid to SEA in order fulfill Free World obligations and contribute to Japan's economic development. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

2. Five Conservatives Returned in Gubernatorial Elections

Five conservative incumbent governors - Sadatake HISAMATSU (Ehime), Toshio SAITO (Shizuoka), Hisashi AMANO (Yamanashi), Kosaku TERAMOTO (Kumamoto), and Ryozo OKUDA (Nara) - all returned to office in elections held between January 26 and 30. All were standing for 4th time except Teramoto, who won 2nd term. Contests in all five prefectures were characterized by split in LDP over party nomination and subsequent sponsorship of renegade LDP candidates by coalition of "progressive" organizations and anti-incumbent conservatives. Winners had official LDP backing everywhere except Nara, where Okuda lost party nomination to PriMin Ikeda-sponsored LDP Lower House member Yasushi HATTORI, but was re-elected anyway with support of LDP Prefectural Federation, which remained loyal to veteran incumbent despite wishes of national headquarters. Only bona fide JSP candidate, KANAMARU in Yamanashi, was soundly thrashed by LDP member Amano despite latter's loss of votes to LDP rival running as independent on anti-Amano ticket. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Results these contests continues LDP string of wins established over past few months in Chiba, Tottori, Shiga, and Hyogo. While JSP not expected to upset conservative incumbents in any of contests held so far, its performance has fallen somewhat short of public expectations and far short of JSP predictions. Election season still in early stage, with 24 more governors and all 46 prefectural assemblies to be elected between now and end of April, and JSP may be capable of better showing in later contests. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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3. JSP Revives Anti-Imperialism Theme

First meeting of Socialist Party (JSP) Central Committee (CC) since November annual convention (WEEK 48, Item 1) held January 24. Desire of leaders on both sides factional divide to present image of party unity as main stage of local election campaign approaches, together with mainstream compromise on certain policy issues, insured CC meeting notably free from factional debate. Moreover, with both factions agreed on necessity end Diet boycott, anti-mainstream withheld open criticism of SecGen NARITA's management of party during extra-ordinary Diet session. Most notable mainstream compromise evident in analysis of international situation contained in SecGen's report to CC wherein Cuban crisis characterized as clearly demonstrating "aggressive character of US imperialism" and hope expressed that Sino-Soviet dispute will be resolved in manner which will not play into hands of "imperialist forces." By contrast, anti-imperialist theme had been completely absent from foreign policy and action program approved by November convention. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: In wake November convention, there have been number of indications that, despite its strengthened position in party center, mainstream feels under pressure make some compromise with anti-mainstream, at least in statements general policy. Apart from apparent inclination regard foreign policy as politically safer area for compromise with far left elements of anti-mainstream, mainstream willingness compromise in this instance in part may reflect maneuvering by International Affairs Bureau Chairman WADA's faction looking to future contest for party chairmanship when KAWAKAMI resigns. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK-Japan Relations

PriMin and FonMin in Diet reiterated GOJ desire conclude agreement (see Item 1). JSP attack focused on signs political instability in ROK, and Government in public statements has countered by emphasizing Gen. PAK likely continue in power in future, thus providing continuity and consistency in ROK policy toward Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Bilateral talks still marking time with both sides sparring over procedural questions while internal ROK developments occupy official and public attention. Japanese officials continue express disappointment over lack of flexibility in ROK fisheries position. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Burmese Reparations

FonMin OHIRA and Brig. Gen. AUNG GYI agreed January 25 to final reparations settlement of \$140 million grant payable in 12 years starting 1965 when present reparations schedule completed. In addition, GOJ will facilitate extension

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\$30 million commercial credits at 6%. Aung Gyi expressed satisfaction over terms and announced bulk of assistance would be designed increase cement, fertilizer, sugar, paper, and cotton production. FonMin Ohira may sign formal economic cooperation agreement in Rangoon late February. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

6. British Recognition Outer Mongolia

British decision recognize Outer Mongolia attracted little attention in Japanese press and elicited no official comment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Present indications are that GOJ inclined to follow US lead on this issue. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY

Navy

7. GOJ Approval of Nuclear Sub Entry Appears Likely

Question of nuclear propelled submarine (SSN) entry into Japanese ports received fairly extensive, factual coverage by Japanese press during week, with nearly all press reports indicating acceptance a virtual certainty providing assurances given on questions indemnity and safety. Diet interpellations of PriMin IKEDA and others January 30 were relatively mild with Government drawing clear distinction between SSN and nuclear weapons. Both PriMin and FonMin reportedly made point that SSN not a nuclear weapon and therefore not subject prior consultation clause of Security Treaty. PriMin Ikeda also reportedly stated that he would prohibit entry Polaris submarines. In Diet interpellations January 31, JSP charged Ikeda servile to US policy in allowing SSNs to visit Japanese ports and on issue of export of pipe to USSR. PriMin replied GOJ policy decisions reached independently and with Japan's best interests in mind. JCP Diet member Zentarō TANIGUCHI, January 31, presented to Chief Cabinet Secretary note protesting SSN entry into Japan, charging it would pose menace to peace of Japan and other Asian countries. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Reaction has been mild; prospects for entry appear good.
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Army

8. GSDF Disaster Relief Efforts

Faced with one of most serious blizzard conditions in Japan's history, GOJ during past week has mobilized over 6,000 Ground Self Defense Force personnel

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for disaster relief operations in Niigata, Toyama and Ishikawa Prefectures. Relief force, under command of Lt. General Hiromu HOSODA, CG, Eastern Army, has utilized aircraft and heavy engineer equipment and contributed some 35,000 man-days of labor. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Relief efforts have created favorable public response, which heightened by extensive and glowing press coverage. Bulk of expense resulting from operation, however, must be borne by already tight GSDF budget. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Navy9. Ships of French Training Squadron to Visit Japanese Ports

French Naval Attache has informed ALUSNA that French Training Squadron, consisting of cruiser Jeanne D'Arc and corvette Victor Schoelcher, will visit Tokyo February 7-12, Kobe February 14-18, and Eta Jima February 19-21. Senior officer is Capt. Andre STORELLI, Commanding Officer of Jeanne D'Arc. Training Squadron has 157 naval cadets. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first visit of French Training Squadron to Japan since WWII. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. Training Squadron Will Go to Europe

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1. Visit by Deputy Secretary Gilpatric

During visit to Tokyo February 6 and 7, Deputy Secretary of Defense GILPATRIC held series high level discussions with Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Director General Japanese Defense Agency and Minister International Trade and Industry. Discussions centered on review of general status international security affairs including the defense of the United States and Japan. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: None.

2. Sov Demarche re US Nuclear Powered Subs

Sov Ambassador VINOGRADOV on February 6 made oral representation to FonMin OHIRA against GOJ "decision" allow US nuclear powered subs call at Japanese ports. Vinogradov said such move of direct interest Japan's neighbors since would increase concentration of dangerous

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strategic weapons in Japanese territory. USSR hoped GOJ would not take action which could complicate situation in Far East. Ohira told Vinogradov USSR had no cause for concern; submarines not armed with nuclear weapons and their calls at Japanese ports would not change basic armament of US forces in Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sov demarche apparently timed to coincide with Tokyo visit of Deputy Defense Secretary GILPATRIC. Ohira's reply was firm indication US nuclear powered subs would be permitted visit Japan. GOJ does not appear attribute great importance to Vinogradov's approach, which was given only routine media coverage. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CULTURAL3. ChiCom Acrobatic Show Opened in Japan

National Peking Acrobatic Show opened its nationwide tour of Japan on February 1, with a 3½ week schedule of performances at Koma Theatre, Shinjuku, Tokyo. Show then will go to various major cities in Japan for total of three months. Sponsors are Mainichi Shimbun and Art Friend Association. Show, which includes traditional Chinese juggling, magic, acrobatics, dances and comedy, was highly praised by media and received nationwide TV coverage in special 35-minute prime evening spot on NHK. Performances so far have been free of any direct propaganda effort. Ticket sales have been going very well, except for lowest price seats which moving slowly. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although performance does not include overt political propaganda, this cultural presentation will convince many who see it that ChiComs are maintaining and encouraging China's traditional culture. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARYArmy4. Disaster Relief Efforts Costly

Self Defense Force disaster relief efforts (WEEKA 5, Item 8) continue to be expanded with an additional 2,500 men committed to snow-bound areas February 7. Over 15,000 GSDF personnel and large quantity of heavy equipment have been brought into Hokuriku area from all parts of Japan, including Hokkaido. Since initial clearance and rescue operations have been nearly completed, measures now being taken to reduce threat of dangerous avalanche and flood conditions which are anticipated with thaw. High cost of relief effort has concerned GSDF officials since only available funds are those earmarked training. However, General Keizo HAYASHI, Chairman, Joint Staff Council, in private conversation with Army Attache, indicated that funding now appeared be less of problem in view deferred submission of bill for transportation charges by Japan National Railways. General Hayashi

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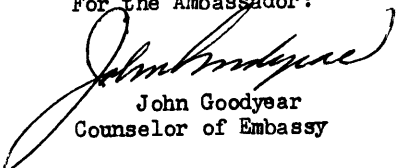
said assurance had been received that supplementary budget request to help pay for relief effort would receive favorable consideration by Finance Ministry.
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Navy5. Training Squadron Will Go to Europe

Foreign Office and Maritime Staff sources told ALUSNA February 1 that GOJ had reached decision to send Maritime Self Defense Force (MSDF) Training Squadron to Europe this year instead of already planned US/Canada visit (WEEKA 4, Item 6). Japanese press also reported this decision February 2-3, noting that despite objections Japanese Defense Agency (JDA) to increased cost and necessity rearrange plans, PriMin had decided it time to show flag in Europe to impress Europeans with Japan's strength and importance as one of "three pillars of Free World". Regarding cost, PriMin reportedly stated that European visit would be made this year even if 1964 cruise had to be cancelled. Squadron of four ships and about 1,200 personnel now expected to visit European countries, including West Germany, Britain, France, Italy, and Turkey. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: MSDF and Foreign Office apparently misjudged PriMin's determination to show Japanese flag in Europe. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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POLITICAL

1. JCP Reaction to February 10 Pravda Editorial

Pravda editorial of February 10 proposing meeting with Chinese to settle Sino-Soviet differences was given immediate attention by JCP which reprinted summary version in Akahata on February 12. Continuing its "neutral" and ostensibly objective treatment of "rift" news (WEEKA 2, Item 1), Akahata specified date and source but made no comment on editorial. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Quick reaction, even without comment, is indication of importance which JCP attaches to speedy settlement of Sino-Soviet dispute. Akahata may also have miscalculated, intending to please Peking by anticipating ChiCom reaction, which failed to materialize. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Gensuikyo and Kakkin Developments

JSP Central Executive Committee (CEC) on February 12 considered

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question of reaching agreement with Japan Communist Party (JCP) on reunification Gensuikyo. (Gensuikyo has been split since Eighth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs last fall when JSP and Sohyo broke with Communists over latter's refusal to condemn nuclear testing by Soviets as well as US.) CEC decided continue talks with JCP on condition that reunification Gensuikyo be based on JSP principles including opposition to nuclear testing by any country, democratic management and agreement abide by decisions organization, and change in character forthcoming Ninth World Conference to emphasize central role Japanese people. This last condition obviously directed against foreign communist delegates who last year led opposition to JSP-Sohyo position on nuclear testing. CEC also decided that if agreement with JCP not reached in time, JSP, together with Sohyo and other supporting organizations, will conduct independent "Bikini Week" activities scheduled begin March 1, marking ninth anniversary Fukuryu Maru (Lucky Dragon) incident.

At almost same time Kakkin, rival of Gensuikyo backed by DSP and Zenro, announced rally to be held in Tokyo February 19 to oppose ChiCom nuclear detonation and urge conclusion of test ban agreement. Subsequently, DSP SecGen NISHIMURA called on JSP to cut ties with JCP and join in supra-partisan anti-nuclear test organization. Nishimura emphasized that ChiCom determination achieve nuclear capability precludes possibility JSP-JCP agreement, and that there no serious difference between JSP and DSP views on nuclear test ban. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: JSP-JCP Gensuikyo reunification talks probably prompted by tactical considerations on both sides, with JCP attempting avoid isolation in peace movement campaign and JSP under pressure from within party to avoid irreparable split of Gensuikyo. So long as JSP does not modify insistence on opposition to all nuclear testing, however, compromise appears unlikely. As Nishimura pointed out, ChiCom nuclear test question undoubtedly reduces possibility JSP-JCP compromise, but fact Kakkin and DSP now have tried to seize initiative this issue may only serve confuse situation within JSP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ROK-Japan Relations

PrMin IKEDA told House of Councillors February 14 GOJ hopes for normalization relations with Korea at earliest possible date regardless of what regime might govern Korea but that GOJ not concerned over whether normalization comes before or after transfer of government to civilian control. At February 14 PAE-SUGI meeting no substantive progress made. Korean delegates asserted newspaper reports of PAK's possible resignation and postponement elections groundless.

GOJ protested ROK seizure two Japanese fishing boats February 11. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While disturbed by developments in Korea which have adversely affected normalization negotiations, GOJ nevertheless clearly seeking to maintain

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optimistic posture while waiting to see how leadership crisis in Seoul develops.
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4. Unions Meet to Discuss Reuther Proposal

Four union centers which invited Walter REUTHER last fall (WEEKA 47, Item 3) decided February 13 to inaugurate, March 4, Preparatory Round-Table Council to discuss and implement Reuther's proposal for Joint Wage Center. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Establishment of preparatory council is first concrete action on Reuther's proposal since his visit three months ago. Sohyo and two neutral union centers generally in accord with Reuther's ideas on Center, but attitude of conservative wing of labor movement (Domei Kaigi) ranges from suspicious to hostile, which contributed to delay. Unions and press generally believe that Center not likely to begin functioning until fall, if then, in view of probable inter-union disagreements on staffing and functions of Center and preoccupation of unions with "spring struggle", local elections, and up-coming conventions.
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ECONOMIC

5. Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Completes 9-day Stay in Japan

Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai S. PATOLICHEV and 7-man entourage left Japan February 13 after a 9-day stay, during which he signed new three-year trade agreement (Embairgram A-1150), toured factories in Hiroshima and Kansai area, visited Kyoto, and met with government and business leaders. Patolichev had 15-minute interview February 11 with Prime Minister IKEDA, met Foreign Minister OHIRA at signing ceremony February 5, and talked with, inter alia, MITI Minister FUKUDA, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry SHIGEMASA, (Keidanren Vice President Kogoro UEMURA), Yoshimari KAWAI, President of Komatsu Manufacturing Company and head of industrial mission to Soviet Union last summer, and Tatsunosuke TAKASAKI, LDP member and arch-promoter of expanded trade with Communist China.

In sharp contrast to Soviet Deputy Amastas MIKOYAN who visited Japan in mid-1961, Patolichev conducted himself with restraint and decorum. He commented mildly in response to questions about Japan's involvement in embargo on wide diameter line pipe sales to USSR, that his country was not being inconvenienced by embargo and Japan was simply forfeiting sales in adhering to it. Calling for a "forward looking" approach to USSR-Japan trade, he soft-pedaled reported Soviet dissatisfaction with relatively small increase (about 10 per cent in 1963) in this trade under new agreement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Foreign Office and Embassy both have impression that Patolichev's "low posture" and non-propagandistic approach was calculated to appeal to Japanese industrial groups with which Soviet Union has had no previous contact and to lay

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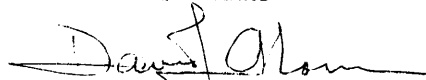
foundation for expansion in USSR-Japan trade over long run. (CONFIDENTIAL)


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
Third Self Defense Forces helicopter accident of new year occurred February 11 at Ominato in Northern Honshu. Six of seven MSDF crew members killed instantly, seventh died later. Base spokesman stated that the large HSS 1 helicopter developed engine trouble about 20 minutes after take-off. Helicopter reportedly engaged in test flight operations in clear weather when accident occurred. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Helicopter was one of seven purchased in 1959 from Sikorsky division of United Aircraft Corp. Last year, there were 23 SDF accidents involving 27 aircraft of all types in which 42 men were killed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Reaction to ROK Crisis

FonMin OHIRA, commenting on KIM Chong Pil's resignation, stated GOJ would continue seek early normalization of relations. JSP SecGen NARITA stated that unless normalization talks suspended, JSP will introduce no-confidence motion against Ohira. Speculative stories in press state FonOff does not expect further progress in negotiations at present in view of time required for clear-cut policy to emerge from Seoul. Press also stated that FonOff inclined attribute current ROK instability to premature U.S. pressure for transition to civil administration. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Few, if any, observers here see any hope now for early settlement with ROK. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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2. JCP Announces Position on Sino-Soviet Dispute

Fifth Plenum of JCP's Central Committee, held Tokyo February 13-15, was apparently devoted almost exclusively to formulation official party position on Sino-Soviet dispute. Despite pre-conference speculation that meeting might produce further evidence of pro-Chinese support in JCP, formal resolution on subject of split, passed unanimously by Central Committee and made public February 18, was distinctly neutral and independent in tone and content. Resolution made four points: (a) dispute is deplorable as hindrance to progress in world communist movement; JCP supports Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Indonesian CPs' call for settlement at international conference; (b) communist world policy should be established at international congress at which each member party should express its views; JCP will announce its position at such a meeting; (c) current dispute is product of development process of world communist movement, and open discussion at party congresses and in party organs can only aggravate problem; true unity in world movement cannot be established if either CPSU or CCP is excluded; (d) JCP friendship with both CPSU and CCP is emphasized; as first step in solution JCP reiterates call for cessation of open discussion in face of enemy and convening of conference for orderly settlement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Resolution is first formal JCP expression of views specifically directed to Sino-Soviet dispute. Does not, however, alter previous posture of neutrality in rift, with background overtones of pro-Chinese sentiment. (WEEKA 2, Item 1). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

3. SecGen NARITA Speaks Before Press Club

Socialist Party (JSP) SecGen NARITA, appearing before Tokyo Foreign Correspondents Club February 18, made following replies to question on key foreign policy issues: a) US-Japan Security Treaty -- Advent of Socialist Government necessarily would involve major changes in US-Japan Security Treaty relationship, as well as in relations with ComChina and USSR, but JSP would seek termination Security Treaty through diplomatic negotiations, not unilateral abrogation. b) ASANUMA "Common Enemy Statement" -- US "threat" to ComChina from "base" on Taiwan and US "occupation" of Okinawa constitute common basis for struggle against US imperialism, although each nation must conduct struggle independently and in own way; therefore Asanuma statement and its reaffirmation by JSP delegation to Peiping during January 1962, correct. c) Sino-Indian Border Crisis -- Basic position of JSP supports peaceful settlement of dispute, but in Narita's personal view India, not ComChina, to blame for border clash. d) Sino-Soviet Rift -- JSP stands firm on principles "positive neutrality" and "peaceful co-existence" but, without taking sides, hopes settlement can be reached so as to prevent imperialist countries from taking advantage dispute. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Narita's replies to direct question were characteristically straight-forward. In case of Sino-Soviet rift, however, he explicitly confined himself to official party position. His view on ultimate disposition of Security Treaty also held privately by many JSP members but rarely voiced publicly. Remarks on Asanuma statement and Sino-Indian border dispute reflect Narita's tendency to take more tolerant attitude toward Peiping than most of his mainstream colleagues. In latter connection, Indian Embassy has registered complaint with JSP Headquarters. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARYArmy4. Trial Balloon Re JDA's 3rd Defense Build-up Program

First press reference to Defense Agency basic plan for 3rd Defense Build-up Program carried Asahi February 17. Plan reportedly anticipates increased expenditures from current 1.4% to 2% of national income to compensate expected reductions in U.S. aid. Emphasis of program to be on build-up of air and anti-submarine defenses. Report states Defense Agency will be forced to consider adoption BOMARC or similar type missiles which can take nuclear or non-nuclear warheads in order stay abreast latest developments in weapons systems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Report undoubtedly trial balloon by Defense Agency resulting from GILPATRIC visit (WEEKA 6, Item 1). No actual work on 3rd Defense Build-up Program expected until June or July this year. At moment, increase of 45% in defense expenditures to magnitude of 2% of national income nothing more than gleam in eyes of JDA officials. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Navy5. Semi-Annual Flag Officers' Conference Held

Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) held its first semi-annual Flag Officers' Conference of current year on February 21 in Tokyo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JMSDF Flag Officers' Conference gives commanders chance to air their problems and to receive first hand official policies of Chief of Maritime Staff. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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8. Pro-DSP Elements in Leftwing Unions Establish Council
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POLITICAL1. Diet Session

Campaign period for April local elections is approaching and Dietmen of all parties are eager to be off to hustings as soon as major pending legislative business - Lower House passage of budget - is out of way. If budget is not moved into Upper House by second of March, thirty-day automatic enactment provision could not take effect before end of Japanese fiscal year. This would cause LDP some minor embarrassment, since it would have either to debate budget and obtain passage in

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Upper House before end of fiscal year, or else to get along for first few days of April on day-to-day provisional budget. Also, budget delays could keep GOJ from introducing ILO-87 package before ILO meets at Geneva. JSP is threatening to delay Lower House passage until March 5, and attempting use this threat to extract compromise on issue of raise in daily compensation for discharged coal miners. (WEEKA 3, Item 1). JSP feels revision of Unemployment Insurance Law, now pending in House, affords opportunity for effecting such raise. As one means of stretching out business in Lower House, as well as capitalizing on GOJ embarrassment over ROK developments, JSP plans introduce in Diet March 1 motion of no-confidence in Foreign Minister. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: LDP leadership confident budget can be passed in time, and even if it were not, that Upper House passage could be secured before end of fiscal year. If there is compromise on coal matter, it will thus not be because LDP feels itself over barrel. Nor is any possibility seen that no-confidence motion could be passed. Incidentally, Diet rules will bar JSP from introducing a second time during this session such motion against OHIRA on grounds of Korea "failure". (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. KIM Chong P'il Visits Japan

Former ROK CIA Director KIM Chong P'il arrived Tokyo February 25 and left February 28 on world tour following resignation from positions in ROK. During three-day visit, Kim met LDP leaders OHNO, KISHI and ISHII, industrial leaders and local Korean representatives. In press interviews Kim attributed recent Korean crisis to political jealousies, among both civilian and military leaders. He said he would return to Korea in 40-50 days and expressed confidence PAK and other Korean leaders will push ROK-Japan corruption investigation. He commented that although US did not pursue firm policies in Korea, it expected Korean officials follow its advice. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kim's statements, though showing bitterness against some former colleagues, avoided dwelling on this theme and emphasized his confidence in success of normalization talks. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. Anti-ROK-Japan Talks Demonstrations

"Seventh United Action" against ROK-Japan talks (WEEKA 3, Item 2) featured series rallies and parades in Tokyo February 21. Police estimates placed total participants at approximately 25,000, with large portion evidently mobilized by trade unions; estimated one-third demonstrators were members JCP or its youth organization, Minseido. Demonstrations orderly and attracted virtually no attention vernacular press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Turn-out on this occasion more than double that of "sixth" round of demonstrations held Tokyo January 24 (WEEKA 4, Item 2). Both JSP and Sohyo leaders continue assert publicly that struggle against ROK-Japan talks will equal scale of anti-Security Treaty campaign. However, Sohyo Chairman IWAI, in recent

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appearance at Foreign Correspondents Club, reflected generally held private view when he admitted there little likelihood of achieving this goal. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. DSP Holds Central Committee Meeting

Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) convened Central Committee meeting February 24 to rally party for final stage local elections. Addressing approximately 100 delegates, Chairman NISHIO, in evident attempt boost party spirits, confidently predicted imminent collapse of IKEDA government. Citing recent victory Social Democratic Party in West Berlin and prospects for Socialist government in Great Britain, Nishio insisted DSP riding wave of future. Nishio also reaffirmed earlier demand made in Diet by Eki SONE that government halt ROK-Japan political negotiations until Korean political situation stabilizes. Nishio careful however to distinguish DSP support in principle for ROK-Japan normalization from unqualified opposition JSP and JCP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Privately, DSP leaders are expressing hopes for only modest gains in coming local elections. Party has no formally nominated candidates of its own in gubernatorial contests and expects at best to increase prefectural assembly strength by approximately 25 seats from present 133. Vice Chairman ITO, however, has told Embassy officer that party making major effort at level below prefectural assembly where it hopes double holdings. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. JCP Rejects Gensuikyo Unification Statement

Following series of meetings held during month in effort reunify Gensuikyo, ad hoc committee on February 21 issued statement of principles for promoting reunification, including opposition to all nuclear tests by any country and suggestion that forthcoming 9th World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs might be divided into separate Japan and international conventions. Statement implied that JCP, represented by observers on ad hoc committee, had accepted these principles, which essentially were those that JSP-Sohyo had insisted upon (WEEK 7, Item 2). Following day, however, JCP repudiated agreement by reaffirming refusal accept principle opposition to nuclear testing by any country and accusing JSP-Sohyo and allied groups of continuing divisive activities within Gensuikyo. Since Gensuikyo standing executive committee meeting February 28 failed resolve issue, that organization unable act as formal sponsor Bikini Day rally scheduled be held at Yaizu March 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JCP refusal accept Gensuikyo ad hoc committee statement not surprising since, in addition to inclusion principle of opposition to nuclear testing by any country, terms evidently designed insure JSP-Sohyo control of organization. JSP-Sohyo and allied organization now expected to proceed with independent plans for "Bikini Week," including Yaizu rally. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. Kakkin Rally Opposes ChiCom Nuclear Testing

Kakkin rally to oppose ChiCom nuclear testing and urge conclusion test ban agreement (WEEKA 7, Item 2), held February 19, drew about 1,500 persons. Although two moderate organizations associated with JSP-Sohyo anti-bomb group reportedly were to attend Kakkin rally, neither group officially represented. Rally generally ignored by vernacular press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy reliably informed that failure two moderate organizations, which associated with DSP-Zenro, to attend Kakkin rally was result decision by Kakkin leaders who feared that attendance would reduce potential for their influence within Gensuikyo. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Sohyo Extraordinary Convention

Extraordinary Sohyo convention February 25-26 marked by usual pro-Communist attacks on mainstream leadership, focusing on need for "united front" in "spring struggle" and local elections. Extreme leftists criticized recent neutralist union conference in Casablanca and charged Sohyo with "ignoring" Indonesian proposal for A-A labor meeting. Sohyo SecGen Iwai replied that Sohyo still favors ChiCom participation in neutral unions' preparatory conference tentatively scheduled for Tokyo in July, but concerned lest ChiCom presence inhibit participation of other unions. Sohyo plans to send missions to Communist China, Indonesia and India to gain "understanding" for Tokyo meeting. Convention also passed resolution approving stepped up campaign against ROK-Japan talks to prevent establishment of "Northeast Asia Treaty Organization", but leadership admitted that thus far demonstrations have not come up to expectations. Convention's major accomplishment was establishment of principle for repayment of Shin Shukan debt. Over strong anti-mainstream objections, convention decided that ¥210,000,000 of ¥396,000,000 deficit is to be repaid through assessment of affiliates and remainder liquidated over many years from Sohyo budget. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Convention tended to avoid concrete discussion on "spring struggle," possibly because it would only have revealed weakness. Sohyo leadership's inability to gain unanimous approval for Shin Shukan debt settlement (anti-mainstream abstained on vote), underscores question whether assessment can actually be collected from anti-mainstream unions. Handling of Shin Shukan problem continues to give anti-mainstream opportunity to call on leadership to "accept responsibility" for debacle by having Iwai resign. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

8. Pro-DSP Elements in Leftwing Unions Establish Council

Pro-DSP factions in 13 Sohyo and Churitsu Roren affiliates formally established National Democratization Movements Liaison Council (Zenkoku Minren) on February 27. Rightwing elements in various Sohyo unions (e.g. National Railway Workers, Synthetic

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Chemical Workers, and Iron and Steel Workers Union) have for long time met separately, and year ago began planning for liaison body. Zenkoku Minren plans to establish local chapters, launch official publication, and step up educational campaign stressing avoidance of excessive struggles and political action.
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Comment: Strength of constituent elements in Zenkoku Minren varies from union to union. Premature to speculate whether new organization can play major part in "moderating" Sohyo's stand, but gadfly role appears more likely. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

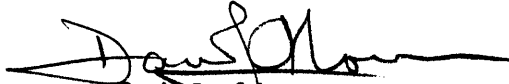
9. Shooting Incident

Air Police Sgt. Roger G. DAVIDSON, on routine patrol Tachikawa Air Base early morning February 25, apprehended two young Japanese youths intruders. One of youths attempted escape, ignored several warnings to halt given in Japanese by Davidson who then fired one shot, fatally wounding intruder. Deceased previously twice arrested by Japanese police on suspicion robbery. Both intruders found in possession articles stolen from privately owned vehicles of US forces personnel.
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Comment: Incident given prominent but objective coverage in vernacular press on evening February 25 but not carried following day. Although JSP subsequently raised issue in Diet debate, present indications are that incident not likely provoke serious reaction. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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POLITICAL1. Diet Session Enters Local Election Slump

Budget bill approved by Lower House and moved on to Upper House March 2, following March 1 defeat of JSP motion of no-confidence in FonMin. ILO-87 convention package introduced March 2 well ahead of expected ILO governing body action at Geneva on report re status of ratification in Japan. Diet gradually emptying as members off to constituencies for local election campaigns. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP apparently in response to assurances that at least part of its demands for raise in compensation for discharged coal miners would be met, made only token efforts late March 2 to string out proceedings, delay budget passage. LDP showed admirable unity in defeating no-confidence motion (259-122), and JSP adhered to gentleman's agreement limiting debate on it. ILO measures still

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committee, and whether ILO governing body approval of report again calling on GOJ to ratify Convention 87 will break log-jam on this long-deferred legislative bundle remains to be seen. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Anti-Nuclear Sub Rallies

Rallies opposing entry US nuclear subs staged March 3 in five areas throughout Japan, including Yokosuka, Kobe, and Sasebo, by Japan Communist Party-affiliated Peace Council (Heiwa Linkai). Yokosuka rally largest, with approximately 23,000 participants. JCP Democratic Youth League (Minseido) reportedly supplied more than half of Yokosuka demonstrators, most of whom imported from outside. Demonstrations orderly with Sunday-outing atmosphere prevailing. Japan Socialist Party (JSP) and Sohyo refused participate, as did Yokosuka District Labor Council, but number anti-mainstream, pro-JCP Sohyo unions represented. One association Yokosuka merchants reportedly announced publicly their support for entry nuclear subs and urged mayor to block demonstrations. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Although JCP trumpeting demonstrations as major success and evidence mounting wave of popular protest against entry nuclear subs, rallies in all areas fell well below targets, and that in Yokosuka drew fewer participants than similar major effort made by Peace Council in vicinity Yokota Air Base last October (WEEKKA 43, Item 3). JSP-Sohyo refusal participate based on standing policy re Peace Council anti-base activities. Both organizations, however, are giving anti-nuclear sub entry theme a central place in own anti-base movement. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. GOJ-ROK Relations

Subsequent to defeat no-confidence motion against OHIRA (Item 1), PriMin and FonMin have reiterated government's determined but careful position for continuation normalization negotiations; IKEDA told Upper House Budget Committee March 5 that only minor, not major decisions should be considered. JSP attacked Government March 2 in Lower House Budget Committee for considering 12-mile line instead of adhering to traditional 3-mile definition territorial waters. FonOff spokesman admitted that GOJ's present position would permit ROK jurisdiction over Japanese vessels within 12-mile line. Ohira told Diet committees Government considering possibility extending credits facilitating private consumer goods trade with ROK but decision must await satisfactory resolution question of repayment terms of \$45 million debt already owed Japan on open account. (Ohira inferred complete normalization would not be necessary for extension this credit.)

FonOff NEA Section Chief MAEDA departed to Korea March 8 for 2-3 week study and evaluation political scene. He will be accompanied by two junior officials. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Government position re normalization talks permits considerable flexibility. If ROK will propose terms which appear offer hope of reasonable settlement and which will be acceptable to Diet and if domestic situation in ROK appears stable, then GOJ can move seriously toward agreement. On other hand, Government can delay, without undue domestic embarrassment, if these conditions not met. GOJ willingness accept 12-mile line may become major target JSP attack on ROK-J settlement.

Maeda's analysis of Korean scene will probably have considerable influence upon GOJ attitude in future normalization negotiations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARYArmy4. Ground Self Defense Force (GSDF) Semi-annual Transfers

GOJ scheduled announce March 8 transfer of six Lt Generals, seven Major Generals and 101 Colonels of GSDF effective March 16. Transfers will result in command changes in three of five armies, 4 of 13 divisions, and 6 of 14 special staff sections of Ground Staff Office. In accordance with Defense Agency DirGen Shiga's program to promote inter-service cooperation, 24 GSDF officers including 1 Major General and 5 Colonels have been assigned duties with Air SDF while 12 Air SDF officers including 1 Major General and 3 Colonels have been assigned duties with GSDF. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Transfers, though large in number (affecting about 20% of active duty strength of officers in grade of colonel), are routine for this time of year. Although number of officers involved in inter-service transfers is small (DirGen Shiga's original plan called for a much larger number but had to be scaled down for budgetary reasons), may contribute to better understanding between services. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. GSDF Commended by Prime Minister

Cabinet on March 5 approved award of a commendation to Ground Self Defense Force for its efforts in relief and rehabilitation of snow-devastated areas in northwestern Honshu. Prime Minister, on March 11, scheduled to present letters of commendation and monetary awards of one million yen each to Lt Gen Hiromu HOSODA, Commanding General, Eastern Army, and Lt. General Kiyomi IKENO, CG, Central Army. (Monetary awards will be used for welfare activities for those troops which assisted in operation.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: GSDF troops have received wide acclaim from local officials, general public and press for their untiring efforts. Individuals worked as much as 12 to 16 hours a day and units operated with obvious efficiency. Especially noteworthy is fact that although some 50,000 troops involved, not one disciplinary case reported. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Reaction to Korean Developments

Press comment and opinions expressed privately by various sources indicate recent arrests and rumored plots against ROK regime have reinforced Japanese doubts regarding wisdom concluding normalization agreement with government regarded as of dubious stability. PriMin IKEDA and FonMin OHIRA, however, restated willingness continue negotiations.

Japanese FonOff regards ROKG plan to form group thirty distinguished Korean citizens to advise it on ROK-Japan talks as backward step, indicating (a) weakness of PAK regime and inability to take decisive

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steps necessary to get talks moving again ROK-Japan agreement even dimmer, since GO thirty men will have courage or ability man (Pak) had been unable to do so. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

2. GOCJ Announces Schedule for Official Visit of Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands

Princess Beatrix of Netherlands will during which time she will be entertained carry out heavy protocol schedule. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit is one of series arranged as part of Japan's "invitation diplomacy." visit will encourage friendly understanding and promote closer ties between Japan and West. Also serve to contribute to international prestige of Imperial Family. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. Atomic Energy Conference

First conference of Asian and Pacific atomic energy held Tokyo March 11-13, unclassified attended by delegates of 13 other countries (India, Indonesia, Iran, ROK, New Zealand, Viet-Nam). Also attending were observers from France, West Germany, Italy, and UK, as well as ILO, FAO and WHO. Pakistan AEC Chairman expressed possibility of establishing coordinating committee. Although final communique avoided direct reference to holding similar Pacific-Asian conference, it called for regional IAEA organization in area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Timing for conference favored in considering on regional basis peace agreement with Japan. Japanese in agreement with a regional approach "bold and far reaching" although premature proposal ill defined and easily confused group for economic purposes. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. JGP Announces Support of Social Campaign

Upcoming series of local elections

spects for achieving a decision are highly unlikely that decisions where one

Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands

at to Japan April 2-11, 1965, tour Japan and

and early summer as part of Princess Beatrix's visit to the Netherlands and other royal visits also reflect the popularity of Japanese

motion peaceful uses of atomic energy. Conference was attended by Australia, Ceylon, China, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, and United States, Canada, and representatives of IAEA, ECAFE, and WHO. Attention by suggesting a committee called ASIATOM. suggestion, it called for auspices and establishing

countries now interested in atomic energy. ASIATOM proposal representatives considered it as a regional

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stage, and of these Tokyo gubernatorial race (set for April 17, along with elections in other prefectures and cities of over 500,000 population; smaller contests scheduled April 30) is of course attracting keenest interest. Outcome of close race between LDP incumbent Ryotaro AZUMA and JSP-DSP-endorsed opponent could even, some feel, affect prestige and stability of Ikeda Administration. Japan Communist Party, which had previously announced Teru TAKAKURA as JCP candidate in Tokyo gubernatorial race, abruptly withdrew him on March 15 and joined JSP and DSP in support of Masaru SAKAMOTO. According press reports, decision reached under some arrangement with JSP, details of which to be decided later. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JCP motive for this move, whose possibility had been anticipated, is doubtless its standing fondness for three-way, leftist "united front" campaigns. Although Sakamoto needs votes, especially if reports that Soka Gakkai (militant Buddhist sect controlling half-million votes in Tokyo) is going to support Azuma are confirmed, it not clear whether JCP deal will help or hurt Sakamoto. JSP must be exceedingly wary against any arrangement which would alienate DSP and other moderate elements of "progressive" camp. Accordingly, JSP will probably try to avoid actual "united front" though National Police Agency reports that JSP has secretly pledged formally to invite JCP support of Sakamoto and to allow JCP sponsorship of 10% of Sakamoto's campaign speeches. DSP reaction not yet forthcoming, but if DSP becomes unmanageable JSP will probably renege on alleged understanding with JCP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Preliminary Results of Japan Public Opinion Survey

Preliminary results of USIA-sponsored nationwide Japan Public Opinion Survey conducted during February, 1963 reveal general popularity and confidence in US remains high, but that Japanese feel US clearly lagging behind USSR in nuclear weapons, space and science. First tabulations reveal that:

Military - In total military strength 31% said US was ahead, 28% felt USSR leads. In nuclear weapon strength 39% felt that USSR was ahead, 20% said US ahead. In troops and non-nuclear weapons 33% thought US ahead, 15% thought USSR leads.

Economic - On question of total economic strength 63% said US ahead, while 6% said USSR is ahead.

Science - 29% thought US leads in scientific development, and 34% said Soviets lead. In space developments 69% said USSR was ahead, while only 6% said US ahead. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

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Japan Defense Agency (JDA) DirGen Kenjiro SHIGA is continuing his efforts to elevate JDA, now under jurisdiction of Office of Prime Minister, to ministry status during his tenure. He confidentially presented draft bill to Cabinet December 1962 and reportedly received concurrence of majority and approval of Prime Minister. Draft then approved January 25, by National Defense Sub-Committee of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Diet Policy Committee which also urged every effort be made submit bill to Diet as soon as possible. Same Sub-Committee March 12, approved plan to present bill to Diet during current session. LDP Executive Board met same day and approved plan and unanimously agreed to "take positive steps" for submission this session. Japan Socialist Party (JSP) Diet Policy Committee, March 13, announced decision to assume attitude of all-out opposition to defense and other legislation now before Diet in order block submission. High Maritime Staff sources feel bill will not be submitted this session, but well-informed, fairly reliable political observer told Arms chances for submission during current session now improved from previous 80-20 against to 50-50. Source added that Prime Minister will personally make decision whether to submit bill this session only after carefully weighing all aspects of problem. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Move appears be major maneuver on part of Government to bring about eventual change JDA to ministry status. Chances for bill this session appear improved but still poor. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL

1. Socialist Candidate Elected Mayor of Kita Kyushu

In election held March 15, former JSP Upper House member Hosei YOSHIDA drew 207,346 votes (54.1%) to 176,105 (45.9%) for LDP/DSP-backed Katsugi SUGIMOTO to become first mayor of newly-formed Kita Kyushu City and only Socialist mayor in "major" (population over 1 million) Japanese city. Election was subject of wide attention in view size of constituency, and Yoshida victory followed all-out campaign effort by all three parties in which PriMin IKEDA, DSP Chairman NISHIO, and JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI appeared locally in support of respective candidates. Win was first for JSP in major constituency in current "season" of local elections. Socialists are touting victory as prelude to gains in other local elections to be held April 17 and 30 (Weeks 11, Item 4), and attribute win to JSP pledges for specific local improvements as

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opposed LDP stress on importance of "direct" (meaning conservative) ties between local administrations and conservative central government. LDP blamed loss on bad weather which caused "poor" (65.5%) turnout at polls, and failure of DSP, with whom Sugimoto more closely identified, to live up to expectations.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kita Kyushu victory provides much-needed boost to morale of JSP after unbroken series of defeats in recent gubernatorial elections. However, this city is located in "progressive" stronghold, where leftist vote has exceeded conservative in past few national elections, and in only Japanese prefecture with JSP governor. Accordingly, this election should not be overrated as sign of general Socialist strength. Gratuitous LDP grousing about Democratic Socialist performance may hurt future cooperative campaign efforts. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Discord Within "Progressive" Camp

Japan Communist Party (JCP) trumpeting of "united front" theme following conclusion of understanding with Socialist Party (JSP) on basis of which JCP withdrew its candidate and announced support of Masaru SAKAMOTO in Tokyo gubernatorial race (WEEKA 11, Item 4), has sown confusion within "progressive camp." Sakamoto has stated he had not sought JCP support, that no agreement on policy or campaigning had been concluded between JSP and JCP, and that his personal political creed is incompatible with communism. JSP also denied existence any agreements or intention wage "joint struggle" with JCP and asserted that JCP is supporting Sakamoto "independently". JCP immediately countered by insisting that at least policy agreement had been concluded. Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), which not involved in earlier JSP-JCP shenanigans, convened Central Executive Committee March 20, at which it decided continue support Sakamoto, on basis his statement, but to protest JSP-JCP negotiations and demand explicit, official JSP disavowal of any agreements or joint campaign with JCP. JSP has not yet replied, but Policy Chairman KATSUMATA has taken line in recent press interview that JCP support for Sakamoto is no different in form or substance from that of DSP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP evidently not too particular how either of its "partners" rationalizes position so long as both continue to support Sakamoto. Success of this political juggling act depends in part on how hard JCP presses "united front" notion, but at moment it seems likely that all three parties will be backing Sakamoto on election day. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Reaction to ROK Developments

FonMin OHIRA in March 18 Diet Committee, expressed "shock" at rapid changes in ROK political situation. He said GOJ will continue bilateral negotiations but did not expect ROKG could negotiate in concrete manner in view current

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situation. Chira also noted that settlement any diplomatic problem requires ability of government to guarantee effectiveness of agreements. Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU reportedly informed ROK Mission that GOJ disturbed by planned postponement return civilian government in ROK and hoped for early return civilian rule, although in recent press interview LDP Vice President OHNO stated continued military control would be favorable to Japan. Press provided heavy coverage ROK developments with editorial consensus that situation requires watchful waiting. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ officials in private conversations with Emb conveyed serious concern with current developments and hope US influence will contribute to stability. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Spring Struggle

First and second "waves" of annual "spring wage offensive" February 15 and March 15 passed uneventfully. Nine government workers unions constituting Council of National Enterprise and Government Corporations Union (Korokyo) participated to some extent in "first wave", but not at all in the second. Affected Government agencies promptly imposed sweeping disciplinary measures against participants in illegal strikes. Public Corporations Labor Relations Commission (PCLRC) agreed to mediate Korokyo dispute, but Korokyo, seeking arbitration, boycotted hearings. Following complicated maneuvering, PCLRC consented to start arbitration proceedings March 25, but award, which likely to be handed down around second week of April, will come too late to serve as pattern-setter for settlements in private sector. Sohyo's chief hope in this regard is Private Railway Workers Union (Shitetsu Soren), which threatens 24-hour strike March 31. Other private enterprise unions thus far have been relatively passive and unable rouse rank-and-file in face of widespread talk about "recession" which, according to management, prohibits major wage increases this year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While principals playing out their assigned roles in what so far has been quietest post-war "spring struggle", it generally understood that final settlement will average around ¥2,000 (about 7 per cent increase), somewhat less than in 1962. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Diplomatic Chronicle

Sir Susanta de Fonseka, dean of diplomatic corps, died in Tokyo on Sunday, March 17, of heart attack. New dean of diplomatic corps will be Ambassador of Afghanistan, Dr. Abdul Majid.

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New diplomatic representatives announced this week in Tokyo include Swedish Ambassador, Karl Frederick Almquist, who arrived March 15. He will succeed Tage Gronwall. Richard Plant Bower, replacing William F. Bull as Canadian Ambassador, presented his credentials to Emperor on March 18, as did Nguyen Huy Nghia, who, after serving for past three years as head of Vietnamese reparations mission, has been appointed Vietnamese Ambassador to Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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7. MSDF Destroyer-Merchant Ship Collision Kills Five
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POLITICAL

1. Local Election Campaign in Full Swing

Local election campaign moved into high gear this week with opening of registration April 12 for prefectural and major city assembly candidates. Registration of gubernatorial and major city mayoral candidates closed same day with total 54 candidates in 20 gubernatorial races. No opponents registered against incumbent governors Choemon TANAKA (LDP), Sunao IKEDA (Ind-cons), Hiroshi KUROKI (Ind-cons), and Katsushi TERAZONO (Ind - LDP and JSP support in 1959) in Shimane, Saga, Miyazaki, and Kagoshima Prefectures. Accordingly, all four will be

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returned without election effective April 17 - Terazono for 3rd term, others for 2nd. Total of 4,519 candidates registered as of April 3 for 2,688 prefectural assembly seats, including 2,177-LDP, 886-JSP, 219-DSP, 175-JCP, 57-Komeikai (Sokagakkai), and 914 independents. Local issues prevail in campaign which, by and large, not expected produce radical change in conservative-"progressive" seating balance whereby LDP and conservative independents presently occupy approximately 70% of available seats. Biggest election news of week was April 1 announcement by Koseiren (political front organization of Sokagakkai) of "support" (as distinct from formal recommendation) for LDP-backed incumbent AZUMA in Tokyo gubernatorial race, conservatives SATO and WANI in Osaka gubernatorial and mayoral contests, and LDP member MACHIMURA in Hokkaido gubernatorial election. Koseiren move subject of particular attention in Tokyo, where estimated 500,000-600,000 Sokagakkai voters are widely regarded as holding deciding vote in close contest between Azuma and JSP/DSP/JCP-sponsored Masaru SAKAMOTO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: With no sweeping gains in prospect for either side, focus of attention is on whether "trend to left" which evident in recent national voting pattern will be manifest in current election results, and to what extent. Key contests are (1) prefectural assembly elections, where nation-wide trends most likely to show up, and (2) close gubernatorial and mayoral contests in major constituencies, notably Tokyo, Osaka, Hokkaido, Iwate, and Yokohama, where upset "progressive" victories could affect stability of Ikeda Cabinet and timing of next general election. While doubtful that Sokagakkai can swing all its members en masse behind designated conservatives, Koseiren support nonetheless important asset to those candidates. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Visit of British Foreign Secretary

British Foreign Secretary Lord HOME completed week's official visit to Japan April 5. During visit he had wide-ranging talks with PriMin and FonMin, exchanged instruments of FCN Treaty ratification, toured Kansai, gave press and TV interviews, and delivered major address to Japan-British Society. Since he was substituting for PriMin MACMILLAN, he was accorded treatment by GOJ similar to that usually reserved for heads of government. Japanese government and media attention focused on Home's statements in favor expanded trade with Communist countries and of UN entry for ComChina. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: According British Embassy, Lord Home well satisfied with visit and much impressed with quality Ikeda's leadership. Those elements in Japan favoring expanded trade with Communist bloc have welcomed Home's statements on this subject and GOJ likely be under somewhat increased pressure take more active measures encourage such trade. Most immediate problem will be Home's remark that Britain feels free to sell large diameter pipe to USSR, but FonOff believes GOJ will be able to hold line. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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3. ChiCom Trade Developments

MITI Minister FUKUDA told press conference April 4 that government plans grant 110 million yen (about \$300,000) subsidy for Japanese industrial fairs to be held Peiping October 5 and Shanghai December 1, lasting three weeks each. Fairs will be sponsored by Japan-China Trade Promotion Association, International Trade Promotion Association and Japan-China Export Import Association (See A-1218, Item 10).

Earlier, ~~MITI~~ Minister FUKUDA, replying to JSP questions during March 27 Diet interpellation, stated he had not heard of visit to Japan May or June by NAN Han-chen, Chairman of ChiCom International Trade Promotion Association. Fukuda stated, however, he willing meet Nan if Nan wishes. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese organizations involved have sponsored exhibits at ChiCom trade fairs during past years. Government subsidy is evidence of GOJ willingness make efforts increase ChiCom trade within CHINCOM limits and to extent that Japanese firms able make satisfactory deals. Move also reduces impact of opposition demands for closer relations with Communist China which likely to be stepped-up in wake exposition here by British Foreign Secretary Lord HUME of UK's views on trade with Communist bloc (Item 2).

FonOff somewhat embarrassed by Fukuda's expression willingness meet Han and expressed concern this might be misinterpreted as GOJ political approach to ChiComs. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. GOJ-ROK Relations

Northeast Asian Division Chief MAEDA returned to Japan March 30 from three-week Korean visit. He told press that possibility exists of compromise between military and civilian factions and said Department's statement had been helpful in assisting two groups reach compromise. Maeda expressed to Embassy, however, reservations as to ability Korean civilian leaders provide stable government. He observed that ROK FonOff sincerely working toward settlement with Japan. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Maeda's visit helpful in providing FonOff first-hand information on Korean developments. His report probably has strengthened FonOff view that strong hand, preferably military, and time needed guide Korea toward democracy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Dutch Princess Visits Japan

Japan's invitational diplomacy ~~increased in tempo~~ ~~increased in tempo~~ this week with arrival April 2 (while British FonSecretary still here) of Princess Beatrix of Netherlands for first State visit to Japan by member of Dutch Royal Family. Princess will

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remain in Japan until April 11 when she will depart for private visits to US and Canada. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

6. 24-Hour Stoppage by Private Railway Unions (Shitetsu Soren)

Last-minute, early morning negotiations which failed to bridge gap of ¥100 (27.7 cents) between wage recommendations of Central Labor Relations Commission (CLRC) and Shitetsu Soren demands led to 24-hour strike against 166 railroad and bus lines on Sunday, March 31, affecting an estimated 13,000,000 passengers. Unexpected breakdown in negotiations occurred after CLRC recommendation of ¥2,200 (\$6.11) monthly increase was accepted by management but rejected by union, which was insisting on at least ¥ 2,300. Paralysis of transportation and resultant inconvenience to public earned Shitetsu Soren universal condemnation by press. Within union, moderate factions criticized leadership for engaging in "struggle" tactics, claiming that if Shitetsu Soren had not identified itself with Sohyo's "united struggle", union could have won larger increase on merits of own bargaining position. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Adverse public reaction to Shitetsu Soren's strike and dissension within ranks make repetition of any union activity as extensive as March 31 strike highly unlikely. If past precedent should prevail, present stalemate in negotiations will be resolved by face-saving formula in which union will get increment in addition to ¥2,200 (e.g. in form of bonus). Shitetsu Soren's 24-hour strike undoubtedly served as shot in arm for Sohyo's "spring struggle", which so far has been marked by lack of spirit. However, CLRC's recommendation may well have succeeded in providing an approximate ceiling on wage hikes which Sohyo unions will find difficult to pierce. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARY

Navy

7. MSDF Destroyer-Merchant Ship Collision Kills Five

Maritime Self Defense Force (MSDF) suffered third major ship collision in its ten-year history when JDS Teruzuki struck by Japanese merchant ship at 0340, March 30 in Tokyo Bay. Teruzuki, one of MSDF's most modern post-war first-line destroyers and flagship of Commander, Fleet Escort Force, was struck on starboard quarter between two stern gun mounts, nearly cutting her in two. Three MSDF sailors were killed outright, one died in hospital, and one missing and presumed dead; a sixth is seriously injured. Teruzuki was towed to Yokosuka by US Navy tugs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: MSDF states Teruzuki, which was scheduled for Training Squadron cruise this summer (WEEKA 6, Item 5), will be out of commission for at least one month but best US estimate is 6-8 weeks. Terazuki, therefore, probably will not visit Europe with Training Squadron.

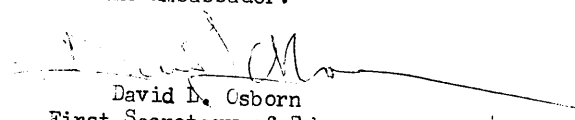
Collision immediately produced flurry press speculation over what would happen if SSN had similar accident. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)


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
RAdm Koichi YAHATA, Deputy Director, Technical Research and Development Institute, Japanese Defense Agency, was promoted to Vice Admiral April 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: VAdm Yahata is one of Japan's leading naval architects. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Diet to Recess for Local Elections

With Upper House approval March 27 of major coal industry legislation and passage budget scheduled for March 30, Diet is expected recess during April to permit law-makers participate local election campaigns. Recess will be by informal agreement between parties and will probably cause extension current session by at least month until June 22. Of more than 100 bills remaining for action following recess, key items include ratification ILO 87 and disposition related amendments to domestic labor legislation, bills to protect medium and small enterprises and promote specified industries, and river control legislation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Japan Socialist Party (JSP) amenable to one month extension but has stated it will oppose longer period now being considered by some Liberal-Democratic Party leaders. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Reaction to Department's Statement on ROK Crisis

Press comment on Department's March 25 statement has been restricted to editorials in Asahi and Mainichi generally supporting desirability of return to civilian government and necessity for compromise by both military and civilian leaders. Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU at meeting LDP leaders March 26 noted US opposition to military government but said statement provided room for negotiation and compromise between military and civilian groups. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

3. Korean FonMin's Visit

During March 25-28 visit, ROK FonMin-designate, KIM Yong-shik, met PriMin IKEDA, FonMin OHIRA, LDP Vice Chairman OHNO and other LDP leaders. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit provided Kim opportunity meet Japanese leaders and become acquainted with present atmosphere in Japan where he had previously served as Minister in ROK Mission. Both Kim and GOJ leaders voiced hope for early normalization relations but made no commitments. FonOff hopeful Kim will prove more flexible than previous FonMin CHOI whom GOJ regards as strongly anti-Japanese. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Sasebo Anti-SSN Rally

Estimated 5-6,000 persons participated in Socialist Party (JSP)-Sohyo-sponsored rally at Sasebo, March 24, protesting entry US nuclear-powered submarine. Rally addressed by Seiichi KATSUMATA, Chairman JSP Policy Committee; messages protesting "turning Japan into military base" sent to Prime Minister and President KENNEDY. Number of participants, drawn from Sasebo and vicinity, well below announced goal of 20,000. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first major anti-SSN demonstration staged by JSP/Sohyo, which refused participate in March 3 series sponsored by JCP-affiliated Peace Council (Heiwa Linkai) (WEEKA 10, Item 3). JSP source has indicated to Embassy officer that there is possibility JSP/Sohyo will agree to join with JCP in united movement on this issue since, according source, majority opinion within JSP favors undertaking this campaign within framework People's Council To Oppose Security Treaty and Safeguard Peace and Democracy (Ampo Kaigi) in which JCP represented. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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5. British Foreign Secretary Arrives

British Foreign Secretary Lord HOME and wife arrived March 28 for one-week official visit to Japan. Lord Home is substituting for PriMin MACMILLAN who unable again this year accept long-standing Japanese invitation. Lord Home likely to witness Diet ratification of new FCN Treaty signed during PriMin IKEDA's visit to London last year. His talks with GOJ expected to center on EEC prospects, East-West trade relations and implications of Sino-Soviet rift. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Lord Home's visit to Japan is first by a British Foreign Secretary. Following Ikeda's successful visit to London last year and popular exchange visits of Princess Alexandra to Tokyo and Princess Chichibu to London, Lord Home's visit seen as step in full restoration of traditional Japanese-British friendship. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARYArmy6. GSDF Chief of Staff to Visit Europe and SE Asia

General Kan Ohmori, GSDF Chief of Staff, will visit West Germany, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, India and Thailand April 1-26. Principal purpose of trip is orientation, although General Ohmori has informed ARMA he also will seek information on European military equipment suitable for GSDF use. With anticipated decrease in US assistance, Ohmori feels that certain European equipment may be cheaper and better suited Japan's needs than US equipment. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: General Ohmori's visit following Prime Minister IKEDA's trip to Europe further evidence of increasing GOJ interest in establishing closer association with Western European nations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Navy7. Vice Min Defense Visit to Taiwan and Ryukyus Set

Japan Defense Agency Parliamentary Vice Minister Koichi IKUTA will make official visit to Taiwan April 1-8 and to Ryukyus April 8-11. Visits being made on invitation Government Republic of China (GRC) Defense Division General Staff Director and Commander US Forces Ryukyus. Stated purpose of visits is inspection tour of military facilities. Ikuta will be accompanied by wife, son 19, and JDA Councilor Jiro INAGAWA. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

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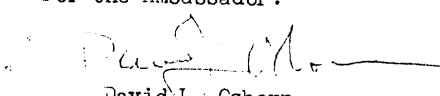


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8. Maritime Self Defense Force P2V-7 Contract Completed

Kawasaki Aircraft Co. completed current contract with delivery 42nd P2V-7 anti-submarine warfare patrol plane to Maritime Self Defense Force in colorful ceremony at Kawasaki's Gifu Plant March 27. Contract, concluded March 30, 1959, by government-to-government agreement, provided for licensing agreement between Kawasaki and International Lockheed Aircraft. Six additional P2V-7's will be constructed under new Defense Agency-Kawasaki contract. Gifu assembly line expected resume operation June 1963; new contract to be completed by June 1965. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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8. First Crash of F-104J Fighter

POLITICAL

1. Prefectural, Major City Election Campaign in Final Week

Election campaign entered final week for Japanese prefectures and major cities (in which 20 governors, 2 mayors, 46 prefectural and 5 metropolitan assemblies to be elected on April 17 - election in smaller cities and town on April 30) with closing of registration for prefectural and metropolitan assembly candidates on April 10. Total of 4,568 candidates registered making for "competition rate" of 1.7 times more candidates than seats, lowest since war. Breakdown by party is LDP-2,182; JSP-886; DSP-219; JCP-176; Komeikai (Soka Gakkai) 157; minor

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and independent-1,048. Total of 253 unopposed candidates will be seated without balloting; 192 are LDP, 29 JSP, 3 DSP, 29 other. Campaign receiving somewhat heavier media play than previous local contests, and public interest appears relatively high. Leaders of all major parties traveling widely to stump for candidates, with emphasis on close elections in Osaka, Fukuoka, Iwate, Oita, and Kanagawa. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Poor competition rate possibly due to tighter control exercised by organized parties, growing recognition by newcomers of futility of competing with incumbents in most cases. May also be commentary on inability of "progressive" parties to produce candidates in some areas. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Legality of Political Donations by Corporation Questioned

Tokyo District Court April 5 ruled in favor of stockholder who complained that political donation to LDP by Yawata Steel Co. was illegal diversion of company funds. Decision being appealed and final outcome uncertain. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Corporate donations are principal source of income for LDP and its factions, also important source for DSP and JSP. If lower court decision were upheld, LDP would doubtless work out with business backers some way of switching form of donations to individual basis, and seek to have ruling applied also to labor union donations to socialist parties. At any rate, ruling has focused new attention on need for reform of LDP financial set-up and may provide further stimulus to modernization. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. Governor Herter Begins Talks with Japanese Leaders

Governor Christian A. HERTER arrived in Tokyo April 11 for two days of talks with Japanese leaders concerning plans for "Kennedy round" of tariff negotiations under the GATT. After calling on Crown Prince, Herter met with ForMin OHIRA, PriMin IKEDA, and members of Japanese business community. Prior to departure April 13 will meet with Minister of International Trade and Industry FUKUDA, Minister of Finance TANAKA, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry SHIGEMASA, and Economic Planning Agency Director MIYAZAWA. He will speak on April 12 at luncheon hosted by Keizai Doyukai (Japan's CED), and hold press conference April 13. Prior to Herter's arrival press featured numerous articles and editorials on subject matter of visit, with stress being placed--(Begin OFFICIAL USE ONLY) very probably at MITI's instigation (End OFFICIAL USE ONLY)--on reasons why Japan cannot afford tariff cuts. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy hopes Governor Herter's discussions will alleviate some of the Japanese concern over tariff matters and improve prospects for meaningful Japanese participation in the forthcoming negotiations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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4. ROK-Japan Relations

During Lord HOME's visit (Week 14, Item 2) Prime Minister IKEDA expressed to Secretary his misgivings re US policy favoring early elections in Korea. Substance his comments reached Japanese press and reported also in Korean press, causing strong reaction from Korean civilian political leaders. Ikeda later (April 9) denied he favored extension military rule. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Ikeda's remarks accurately reflect GOJ belief premature restoration civil government in Korea will result in great instability. Public here generally shares his sentiments. Hopefully his denial will minimize unfortunate effect of publication his sentiments. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Spring Struggle Passes Peak (WEEK 14, Item 6)

"Spring struggle" passed peak with virtual settlement of Private Railway Workers Union (Shitetsu Soren) wage dispute on April 10, just prior to threatened half-day strike. Settlement calls for ¥2,200 average wage increase; management also agreed to pay one-time ¥500 "strike settlement" allowance, which saves union's "face", but in return insisted on establishment of joint committees on wages and disciplinary measures, at which union still balking. Shitetsu settlement seen as pattern-maker for wage increases in other private enterprises; however, arbitration award expected next week in public service workers dispute is likely to fall below Shitetsu settlement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Wage increase for Shitetsu amounts to only around 90% of increase in 1962, but is nonetheless somewhat higher than expected. With notable exception of steel industry, where settlement substantially lower yet, wage agreements reached subsequent to Shitetsu settlement have generally fallen into this pattern. Major factors in producing higher-than-anticipated increases are recent upturn in economy, rising stock market, and, most important, rising consumer prices. Shitetsu's wage increase of ¥2,200 is about 9 per cent of basic wage, and should be viewed against background of 7.1 per cent increase in consumer price index during February 1962-February 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Promulgation of Land Expropriation Order by Sunakawa Town Mayor

Complex, seven-year legal battle over expropriation of lands in Sunakawa township for extension of runways at USAF Base Tachikawa ended on April 6 with publication of expropriation order by town mayor and local assembly. Preliminary survey for runway extension was interrupted in July, 1957 by leftist demonstrators whose series of court trials for illegal trespass on base extended over 3½ years, involving (1) acquittal by Tokyo District Court on grounds that presence of US bases in Japan was in violation of Article 9 of Japanese Constitution, (2) reversal that decision by Supreme Court and re-trial of case by lower court, (3) conviction and fine of defendants by lower court in February, 1961.

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In move unrelated to criminal proceedings, Tokyo Governor had previously (August, 1956) been forced to initiate civil action against anti-base Sunakawa mayor for his refusal to promulgate expropriation order. Tokyo District Court found in favor of Governor but upon death of then mayor in December, 1962 defense asserted court order to deceased not binding on successor. Final court ruling announced March 28 to effect that previous order still valid despite change of incumbents, was followed by decision of present mayor and assembly on April 6 to implement expropriation process. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This action by local officials marks end of seven-year hiatus during which legal shenanigans by anti-base elements have held runway extension plans at near-standstill. Situation now reverts to status quo of 1956, permitting surveys to be resumed and compensation negotiations with involved farmers undertaken by GOJ. While issue is still far from final settlement, economic, rather than political, considerations more likely to dominate subsequent negotiations in moderate political atmosphere now prevailing. Resumption of action after long delay is reminder of leftist potential, given proper circumstances, to exploit popular anxieties, ambiguous wording of Constitution, and cumbersome judicial system to frustrate GOJ plans in defense and Security Treaty matters. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARYNavy7. Thresher Sinking Related to SSN Entry Issue

Word of Thresher sinking reached Japan during morning of April 11. Evening editions vernacular press carried statement by Maritime Self Defense Force spokesman to effect that there is no danger of nuclear contamination from such an accident; and reported FonOff statement that it "not necessary to consider accident in connection with problem of docking nuclear submarines in Japan." Morning editions Yomiuri and Sankei April 12 carried columns relating accident port-entry issue; Yomiuri coupling Thresher and Teruzuki (WEEKA 14, Item 7) accidents and calling for reexamination of GOJ's thoughts on admission SSNs to Japan; also discussed possibility long-term emission of radioactive contamination from crushed hull of SSN sunk at such depth. Further speculated that even though no radioactivity now apparent, Boston coast line could receive contamination for long period; and that even if reactor of sub not immediately damaged by sinking, seawater would eventually open it up. Yomiuri and Sankei carried cartoons relating Thresher to SSN entry.

JSP SecGen Tomomi NARITA said that it was "too horrible to imagine such accidents happening in Japanese ports or waters"; and that GOJ should refuse proposed calls of SSNs in interest safety Japanese people. Narita said he plans to launch large-scale nation-wide campaign against visits. DSP said its position, of opposing SSN entry until safety established, was unchanged. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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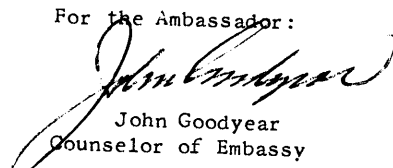
Comment: Thresher and Teruzuki accidents, coming so close to one another, appear to have added fuel to fire of SSN entry opposition movements.


Air Force8. First Crash of F-104J Fighter

An F-104J supersonic jet fighter of the Air Self Defense Force (ASDF) crashed 300 meters from end of runway at Chitose Air Base, Hokkaido, on April 10, while practicing emergency landing procedures. U.S. trained pilot, Major Mitsuru NISHI, 35, was killed in accident. This was first crash of Japan-assembled F-104J. Probable cause of accident thought to be engine failure. All F-104J fighters have been grounded until cause of crash is determined.

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Local Election Results

In local elections held April 17 (WEEKA 15, Item 1), all 18 gubernatorial incumbents (in total of 20 elections) were returned by solid margins; Kanagawa's Iwataro UCHIYAMA and Wakayama's Shinji ONO were re-elected for unprecedented 5th terms. Tokyo's incumbent Governor AZUMA swamped leftist-backed SAKAMOTO by unexpectedly wide margin of 664,000 votes, while Kingo MACHIMURA (LDP) in Hokkaido and Gizen SATO (LDP) in Osaka were re-elected with leads of 632,000 and 242,000 votes, respectively. In only contests without incumbent candidates, LDP's Taketo TOMONO defeated "progressive"-independent Kanemitsu YOSHIKAWA in Chiba, and JSP/DSP/JCP-backed Tadashi CHIDA beat LDP-supported Sakari MASUDA in Iwate. Post-election division of prefectural

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governors is 35 LDP and conservative-independents, 4 JSP and "progressive"-independents, and 7 independents. Left made other tactical gains in (1) Yokohama, where JSP's ex-Dietman Ichio ASUKATA won close (12,000 votes) decision over conservative incumbent Kiyoshi NAKARAI (while a second, LDP-sponsored candidate drew 106,000 votes - enough to have beaten Asukata by comfortable margin); and (2) Osaka, where leftist independent Kaoru CHUWA won over independent conservative Shunjiro WANI. In 2,688-member prefectural assembly elections, DSP took severe drubbing, losing 48 of its previous 143 seats. Conservative-"progressive" balance shifted slightly toward left, with LDP and conservative-independents winning 1,852 seats - or 68.8% as compared to 70.0% in 1959 election. JSP won 519 seats, an increase of 90 seats but far short of announced 600-seat goal. Soka Gakkai elected 36 of its 57 Koseiren candidates, and JCP increased its membership from 12 in last election to 22 (or 0.3% of available seats). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Election characterized by extreme stability of voting patterns and continued conservative dominance of local politics, especially as manifest in strength of incumbents and negligible changes in prefectural assembly line-ups. "Progressive" wins in Iwate, Osaka, and Yokohama offset to some degree by huge conservative margins in Tokyo and other key areas, by fact that winners in Iwate and Osaka were more "progressive" in label than in fact, and by fact that Asukata's win in Yokohama attributable more to conservative squabbling than to leftist strength. Early media comment tends to interpret results overall as encouraging sign for Ikeda administration.

This is first local election since formation DSP and its losses bring party's prefectural assembly strength more in line with Lower House holdings (roughly 3%); new strength probably more accurate reflection DSP popular support than pre-election figure. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Visit of French Foreign Minister

French FonMin COUVE de MURVILLE arrived Tokyo April 12 for first official visit to Japan by French Foreign Minister. After spending first part of visit touring industrial and cultural sites in Osaka and Kyoto areas, Couve returned Tokyo for substantive talks with PriMin IKEDA and FonMin OHIRA on 18th and 19th. During press conference in Osaka, Couve stated France would cease applying GATT Article XXXV against Japan as soon as new Franco-Japanese Trade Agreement completed. He hoped talks on agreement would be concluded by end of month. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit widely interpreted as further step toward closer ties between Japan and Europe. Following in quick succession visits by British FonSecretary and Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands (WEEKA 14, Items 2 and 5), Couve receiving only moderate press attention, but much interest shown in prospects new Franco-Japanese trade agreement. FonOff taking advantage of visit for extensive

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discussions with members Couve's suite on such subjects as EEC prospects, NATO nuclear force, ComChina and Sino-Soviet rift. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARYNavy3. Commonwealth Squadron to Visit Japan

Commonwealth Squadron consisting of 1 New Zealand, 2 Australian, and 17 British ships will make operational visit to 18 Japanese ports May 13-June 13. Squadron under command of VAdm Sir D. P. DRYER, RN (RAdm J. P. SCATCHARD, RN Flag Officer, Second in Command), includes aircraft carrier Hermes, 2 cruisers, 6 supply ships and oilers, 2 submarines, and 9 destroyers and frigates, including Alert, VAdm Dryer's flagship. All four main islands of Japan will be covered by UK ship visits during period. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit apparently designed restore prewar image British naval strength. Schedule indicates effort put maximum number UK ships into as many Japanese ports as possible during one month period. GQJ can be expected to go all out to make visit a notable one in anticipation MSDF Training Squadron visit to Europe this summer. (WEEKA 6, Item 5).. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Air Force4. Grounding of F-104J Fighters

ASDF order directing temporary grounding of F-104J fighters (WEEKA 15, Item 8) lifted Apr. 15. Actual cause of accident was fact that throttle stuck in "full military power", not engine failure as previously reported. Pilot failed to make successful emergency landing after being forced to shut off fuel flow to engine. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Comment: In view nature of/accident involving Japanese version F-104, ASDF and manufacturers have stated there is no cause stop production airframes and engines. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. French Pacific Fleet Commander in Chief to Visit Japan
8. GSDF Chief of Staff Returns from Trip to Europe and SE Asia

POLITICAL

1. JSP Contemplates Action to Invalidate Tokyo Gubernatorial Election

Japan Socialist Party (JSP), whose candidate SAKAMOTO lost by 664,000 vote-margin to LDP-backed incumbent AZUMA in Tokyo gubernatorial election on April 17, announced tentative plans April 24 to seek invalidation of election on grounds illegal campaign activities by Azuma supporters. Specific charges are: (1) use of Azuma posters in excess of legal limit, "certifying" extra copies with counterfeit validating stamps; (2) illegal harassment of Sakamoto at public gatherings during campaign. Party also announced intent to bring matter before

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Diet and to organize popular front drive (with Sohyo, others) to protest illegal electioneering tactics, with view to ultimate recall of Azuma. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP effort challenge validity election unlikely to succeed, and both Tokyo Election Control Committee and Autonomy Ministry already have issued comments expressing doubts that evidence now in hand sufficient to nullify election (which would require showing that violations affected outcome). Illegal campaign tactics common enough on both sides in every election, but this case LDP apparently waged exceptionally rough campaign. Outcry by JSP may add to public disenchantment with LDP, mar Azuma's otherwise impressive victory, and generate skepticism toward even those conservatives who earnestly striving for reform. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Local Election Campaign Continues at City, Town, and Village Level

Local election campaign now in final week, with registration of candidates nearing completion for city (except 6 largest), town, and village mayoralty and assembly elections scheduled for April 30. Since completion of more important gubernatorial, mayoralty, and assembly elections at prefectural and major city level on April 17, campaign activity now focused at neighborhood level and elections being given relatively little media play. Issues are predominately local, and meaningful party confrontations are rare. Among notable exceptions is Kawasaki, where conservative incumbent mayor, Fujitaro KANAZASHI, is opposed by 42-year old Hideo NAKAJIMA, JSP ex-Diet member who hopes duplicate Socialist colleague ASUKATA's recent mayoralty victory in Yokohama (WEEKA 16, Item 1) and put Kanagawa Prefecture's second largest city also in hands of JSP. Registration of mayoralty candidates closed on April 25 with 342 candidates for 168 seats. Of total, 36 candidates registered unopposed (as compared 31 of 175 in 1959) to be returned without voting on election day. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

3. Diet Session Resumes

With main phase of local elections out of way, Diet, in recess since April 1 (WEEKA 13, Item 1), resumed deliberations April 26 with Socialist Party (JSP) interpellations on SSN entry issue as first order business in Lower House plenary session that day. Heavy legislative calendar awaiting action includes such controversial measures as 1) ratification ILO 87 and disposition related amendments to domestic labor legislation and 2) government-sponsored bills for protection certain specified industries and promotion small and medium enterprises. In addition to opposing these measures, JSP has indicated intention make major effort in and outside Diet to block entry SSN's, as well as focus public attention through Diet debate on allegations LDP unfair practices and fraud in recent local elections (Item 1). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: With LDP claiming outcome local elections as endorsement policies of IKEDA Government and with JSP evidently encouraged by its gains, political atmosphere likely be more highly charged than in pre-election portion of session. Government and LDP continue indicate determination obtain passage ILO 87 and related bills. Prospects dim for reaching agreement with JSP on handling this issue, however, and LDP may be forced retreat here in order obtain favorable action on other priority legislation. JSP thus far only committed to one-month extension (until June 21) of session and probably counting partly on pressure of time to extract concessions from LDP. Government-LDP, however, prepared insist on somewhat longer extension, and present prospects are that session not likely close much before early July. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. ROK-Japan Relations

Press has printed reports from Seoul to effect ROKG preparing present new proposals to GOJ which greatly modify Rhee Line. According GOJ, ROK FonOff has told visiting GOJ FonOff officials that ROK hopes conclude talks by September 1963. GOJ FonOff has also seen Korean press reports to effect ROKG may propose change of negotiation site to either Washington or Seoul.

FonOff reluctant comment on press reports of new ROK negotiating position. Privately FonOff has expressed doubts re desirability Washington as negotiating site, but has indicated Seoul might be acceptable, provided Japanese mission with cipher privileges established. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

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5. Secretary General, National Defense Council, to Visit US

Takashi KITAMURA, Secretary General, Japan National Defense Council (NDC), scheduled depart Tokyo May 1 on official visit to U.S. and Europe. Kitamura will spend two weeks (May 3-16) in Washington for discussion with U.S. defense and security officials. Subjects include Far Eastern military and political situation and Third Defense Buildup Program, planning for which will get under way later this year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kitamura is a key civilian coordinator on defense planning. Kitamura's trip is important, since it comes at time when Japanese leaders are becoming increasingly aware need for Japan to increase own defense efforts. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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6. Joint Staff Council Members Visit Hawaii

At invitation of CINCPAC, six members of Joint Staff Council (JSC), Japan Defense Agency, visiting military installations and meeting with U.S. military officials in Hawaii during period April 21-27. Group is headed by Lt. General Yoshio TANAKA, Director, JSC, and includes representatives of intelligence, defense plans, logistics and training sections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese military officials believe visit is of special importance to Self Defense Forces but are concerned that press, in speculation on purpose of trip, may make reference to "sensitive political issues." (CONFIDENTIAL)

Navy7. French Pacific Fleet Commander in Chief to Visit Japan

RAdm SCITIVAUX de GREISCHE, Commander in Chief French Pacific Fleet will visit Tokyo May 20-27, Osaka May 28-June 2, and Nagasaki June 4-8 in his flagship, the frigate Commandant Riviere. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: While RAdm de Greische's visit coincides with that of British Commonwealth Squadron (WEEKA 16, Item 3), only at Osaka will U.K. ships be calling at same time as French flagship. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Army8. GSDF Chief of Staff Returns from Trip to Europe and SE Asia

General Kan OHMORI, Chief of Staff, Ground Self Defense Force, returned April 26 from 27-day trip to Europe and South East Asia (Item 6, WEEKA No. 13). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Trip given little attention in English language press and even less in vernacular press. Reports received by Arma indicate General Ohmori gratified by reception in all countries visited. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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scheduled for Tokyo about May 20, third anniversary of Lower House passage of Security Treaty revision. DSP's meeting largely devoted to post-mortem on local election set-back, with Deputy SecGen Ryosaku SASAKI submitting written report calling for basic reform in party organization and definition of political position. Sasaki's report also implied need for re-shuffle of party leadership. As follow up to CEC meetings, JSP scheduled meeting of Central Committee for June 15, with DSP to hold its Central Committee meeting May 10. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite fact JSP failed meet own expectations, party evidently encouraged by gains made in local elections and hopeful these can be translated into increased Lower House strength at next general election. As indicated in CEC meeting, outcome recent campaign appears to have strengthened position Jotaro KAWAKAMI, who now expected be willing serve another term as Chairman, and SecGen MARITA. Within DSP, on other hand, defeat in local elections probably will increase pressures on dominant NISHIO group to make greater concessions to anti-mainstream, younger leadership elements. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Socialists Oppose Introduction of F-105's

Announcement introduction F-105 jet fighters at Itazuke immediately attacked by Socialist Party (JSP) as another step, together with proposed entry SSN's, toward strengthening nuclear armament of US bases and increasing tensions in Far East. Central Executive Committee May 9 drew up opposition action program including emergency Diet interpellations, despatch JSP Diet members team to Fukuoka, and protests to GOJ and US. Protests delivered same day by JSP Diet Policy Committee Chairman SHIMAGAMI to Chief Cabinet Secretary KUROGANE and Ambassador. Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture and mayor of Fukuoka City also issued protest statements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although opposition by JSP could have been expected in any event, Party probably hopes that issue can be exploited to give added impetus to campaign against entry SSN's. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Anti-Bomb Movement Reunification Proposals

Masatoshi MATSUSHITA, Chairman of DSP/Zenro-affiliated National Council for Peace and Against Nuclear Weapons (Kakkin Kaigi) made offer, May 6, to co-operate in reunification of anti-bomb movement. As explained by Kakkin Kaigi Executive Secretary, conditions indicated by Matsushita include limitation objective of movement to prohibition nuclear weapons, opposition to possession nuclear weapons by any country, and elimination of interference or control by political parties. Both JSP and Sohyo, to whom offer obviously directed, welcomed gesture but were careful to reserve position pending study concrete details. In meeting May 8, representatives of Gensuikyo Liaison Council, which led by JSP and Sohyo, adopted statement on reunification setting forth conditions similar to those of Kakkin but directed as well to other elements in movement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Kakkin overture evidently designed to take advantage of current split within Gensuikyo (MEKA 9, Item 5) and JSP and Sohyo desire to avoid possible cancellation 9th World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs that could result from continuation three-way split in Japanese movement. Prospects for Kakkin-Liaison Council unification limited, however, by 1) continuing pressures within JSP and Sohyo for renewed effort achieve rapprochement with Japan Communist Party and 2) by disinclination share leadership of anti-bomb movement with rival party and trade union federation.
(CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JSP Delegation to Visit North Korea

Responding to JSP query, North Korean Foreign Cultural Liaison Council May 2 cabled invitation to Chairman KAWAKAMI for JSP goodwill delegation to visit North Korea for approximately one week during early June. Delegation will be headed by Koichi YAMAMOTO former Diet Policy Committee Chairman; other members not yet selected but expected include Lower House members Shichiro MATSUMOTO, Satoko TOKANO, Hideo NAKAMURA, and Upper House member Shoichi YOKOKAWA.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: North Korean visit originally scheduled for last fall but cancelled by Pyongyang, evidently as result JSP tiff with ChiCom delegation at 8th World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs. According Embassy source, North Korean invitation originally extended for May 1 celebrations but JSP unable accept owing to demands of local election campaign. JSP interest in making visit at this time probably in part related to effort restore cordial relations with Peiping. Delegation may take soundings on this question while in Pyongyang and, since will travel via Hong Kong, may also find it possible visit Peiping for this purpose. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. GRC Official Visits Japan

General CHANG Chun, Secretary General to GRC President CHIANG Kai-shek, arrived May 1 for two-week visit. Chang met by former Prime Minister KISHI and received in turn by Emperor, Foreign Minister OHIRA and Prime Minister IKEDA. During meeting with Ohira, Chang reportedly expressed hope for GRC-Japan cooperation in African aid programs. Prime Minister Ikeda reportedly expressed thanks for President Chiang's generous treatment of Japan after war. During May 2 press conference and in May 8 address to Foreign Correspondent's Club, Chang urged Japan awaken to its responsibility as leading Asian nation, stressed danger trade with ChiComs, asserted ChiComs could not build atom bomb without Soviet assistance and, in response to question, denied he is negotiating for purchase of landing craft for counter-attack. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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FonOff has informed us Chang did not raise political questions during calls on governmental officials but suggested to Foreign Minister that Japan provide GRC with credit on same terms now being considered for ROK, to which Ohira made non-committal reply. Chinese Embassy has told us visit at invitation Japanese LDP leaders and is non-political. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Chang visit thus far given only routine press coverage. Visit suggests GRC effort to offset possible political implications of ChiCom drive to increase trade relations with GOJ. (See Item 6). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. GRC-Japan Cooperation Committee

Eighth annual convention of Committee for Promotion of Sino-Japanese Cooperation opened May 6. Japanese delegation led by Tadashi ADACHI, President Japan Chamber of Commerce, and included former Prime Minister KISHI and LDP leader Mitsujiro ISHII. KU Cheng-kang, Chairman of China Chapter of Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League, led Chinese delegation which included General CHANG Chun and TAO Hsi-sheng, Board Chairman of Central News Agency. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Though group lacks authority make decisions, such meetings provide useful channel for GRC seek political and economic support among Japanese leaders. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. Legion of Merit Awarded to Admiral NAKAYAMA

Admiral Sadayoshi NAKAYAMA, Chief of Maritime Staff, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) awarded Legion of Merit (degree of Commander), by Secretary of Navy KORTH in ceremony at Embassy May 9. SecNav KORTH earlier same day presented Legion of Merit (degree of Officer) to Captain Suteo ISHIDA, JMSDF, former Naval Attache to Washington. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Adm Nakayama reaches statutory retirement age August 18, 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Demonstrations Against Introduction F-105's

Left-wing groups managed stage only small demonstration in vicinity Itazuke Air Base May 12, when first group of 14 F-105's arrived, but mobilized several thousand in Fukuoka City following day. Mass demonstration by 10,000 persons to be held May 18 coinciding with observance Armed Forces Day at base. In Tokyo, anti-F-105 theme will be included in rally protesting entry SSN's scheduled for May 20 under sponsorship Anti-Security Treaty Council. (WEEKA 19, Item 1).

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Socialist Party (JSP), which has despatched Diet members team to Fukuoka to assist in organization and direction demonstrations there, has attacked Government in Diet debate charging assignment F-105's constitutes major change in equipment US forces requiring prior consultation and intended introduce nuclear weapons into Japan. In Upper House plenary debate May 15, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister refuted Socialist allegations as "misunderstanding" or distortion of facts and insisted that assignment these aircraft designed strengthen defense Japan and prevent outbreak war. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although organization of opposition campaign in Fukuoka evidently not yet complete, potential exists in that area for relatively strong drive exploiting anti-base feelings, irritation caused by jet noise, and general attitudes re nuclear issues. National media play, however, continues restrained and issue appears be arousing little popular concern outside local area. JSP probably regards issue as secondary to anti-SSN campaign but can be expected shift fire to concentrate on this target if demonstrations in Fukuoka achieve major proportions or are marked by violence. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. KATAYAMA Threatens Leave DSP

At meeting of Democratic Socialist Party (DSP)-affiliated constitution protection council, former Prime Minister and party elder Tetsu KATAYAMA indicated he would leave DSP unless: 1) DSP takes clear stand limiting Japan's armed forces to internal security role, 2) makes effort to improve relations with Communist China, and 3) reforms party in interest purity of purpose and stricter discipline. First point urged by Katayama as step toward creation unified constitution protection movement including Socialist Party (JSP) organization. Katayama move caught party leaders by surprise. In meeting DSP Diet members following day, however, it was agreed that until party had opportunity consider matter and reach formal decision, Katayama would withhold final action. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As at October 1962 party convention when he also threatened resign, this appears be entirely personal maneuver by Katayama to commit DSP to his views on rearmament and character of party. Other issues probably could be resolved without much difficulty, but rearmament is delicate matter with present DSP position, confirmed at last convention, left deliberately vague to accommodate both mainstream support for limited self-defense force and anti-mainstream view which similar to that of Katayama. At present, importance of avoiding factional battle which would only compound effect of DSP defeat in recent elections seems likely to deny Katayama much support. If he forced to make good his threat, Katayama probably will attempt promote his plan for a non-partisan Christian political league rather than return to JSP fold. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. PSIA Estimates Current JCP Strength at 95,000

Public Security Investigative Agency (PSIA) issued current estimates of strength of and trends within Japan Communist Party (JCP) in two reports made public during past week. Strength estimated at 95,000 as opposed 85-90,000 reported November 1962. Also noted (1) trend toward isolation of JCP from other elements in labor, peace movements; (2) obvious efforts of JCP leadership to maintain internal unity in Party in face of Sino-Soviet dispute; and (3) growth of membership accompanied by commensurate increase in communist vote in recent local elections and expansion of JCP-dominated Minseido (Democratic Youth League). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Nothing new in reports except current membership estimates; other trends have been apparent over past several months. Strength figure is probably fairly accurate and does indicate limited recent growth. Active membership, however (as opposed to gross total of joiners, many of whom defect, leaving names on rosters) extremely difficult to estimate. Increased vote and expansion Minseido probably largely result of more concentrated recruiting effort and improved election techniques. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. JSP Postpones North Korean Trip

Members of Socialist Party (JSP) delegation scheduled visit North Korea during early June (WEEKA 19, Item 4) decided May 10 request postponement until September. Reasons given were ill health of delegation chairman Koichi YAMAMOTO, and fact Diet will be in session at least through June. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Reasons given for postponement are plausible. Also possible, however, that mainstream leadership has had second thoughts on advisability such a trip at this time. Mainstream may not feel confident that it can insure trip to North Korea will not be exploited for purpose of attacking structural reform and "positive neutrality." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Diplomatic Appointments

Cabinet May 10 approved Tatsuichi KONO, head of Foreign Office Liaison Office in Osaka, as Ambassador to Kuwait and Manetoshi OHKI, Counsellor of Economic Affairs in PonOff, as Ambassador to Ghana succeeding Susumu NAKAGAWA who is being reassigned.

Press reports UK has named Sir Francis Rundall, Deputy Undersecretary for Administration, to succeed Sir Oscar Morland, who is retiring. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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6. ROK Releases Last Japanese Fishermen

Korean Mission informed GOJ nine Japanese fishermen released May 16. Two were captured December 13, 1962 and seven February 11, 1963. No Japanese fishermen now remain in Korean prisons. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

PSYCHOLOGICAL7. Alabama and Spaceflight Given Top Media Play

All papers, radio/TV carried photos, wire reports, some commentary regarding renewed outbreak of violence in Birmingham and President's subsequent alerting of troops. Most comment recognized difficulty of problem. Communist daily Akahata printing long backgrounders in severely critical vein. Attention of media diminished sharply with advent of space flight.

Cooper space flight given excellent coverage by press radio and television, with detailed explanation of Mercury program and surprisingly little comparison to Soviet space effort except for NHK commentary which said America seems to be catching up. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

MILITARY8. Chairman, Joint Staff Council, to Visit Okinawa

General Keizo HAYASHI, Chairman, Joint Staff Council, Japan Defense Agency, accompanied by wife, is scheduled visit Okinawa during period May 24-27 at invitation HICOM. Official purpose of visit is to visit U.S. military installations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: General Hayashi stated privately invitation received on personal basis. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Diet Quiet

May 23 marked beginning of 45-day extended Diet session voted last week to make up for hiatus caused by local elections (WEEKA 17, Item 3). Legislative calendar contains some important and fairly controversial items, such as ILO-87 package, Small and Medium Enterprises Basic Law, and bill designating February 11 (pre-war Kigensetsu-National Founding Day) national holiday. JSP expected continue sound off on SSN visit, F-105 deployment to Japan, etc.; however, no major fireworks foreseen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Zenko SUZUKI, Deputy SecGen of LDP, told Embassy officer May 23 he saw no prospect of Diet dissolution before end of year (despite rash of rumors that Ikeda is planning surprise dissolution) because there nothing shaping up in Diet which could provide requisite justification. Suzuki expressly discounted SSN visit issue as source of serious trouble for Government. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Demonstrations Mark Third Anniversary of Security Treaty Revision

Anti-Security Treaty Council-sponsored demonstrations May 20 marking third anniversary Lower House passage of Security Treaty revision and emphasizing opposition entry SSN's and introduction F-105's (WEEKA 20, Item 1) drew low-level response. Approximately 10,000 persons, about half total predicted by Communist Party's (JCP) Akahata, participated in orderly Tokyo rally and demonstration parade. As in much smaller demonstrations staged other major cities, students and trade unionists constituted a major portion of participants. In Fukuoka, where May 18 anti-F-105 demonstration fizzled, some 1,000 students staged orderly demonstration at Consulate May 20.

Both JCP and Socialist Party (JSP) are continuing efforts mount major campaign on SSN and F-105's issues. JCP plans call for Tokyo rally of 100,000 persons June 23; JSP Central Executive Committee May 22 approved plans for nation-wide signature campaign to begin June 4, followed by protest rallies in vicinity Tachikawa Air Base (June 5) and Yokosuka (June 16). Interlocking campaign will be undertaken by Anti-Security Treaty Council with peak scheduled for period June 15-20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: May 20 demonstrations virtually ignored by Tokyo vernacular press. Although mass demonstration campaign probably has not yet reached peak, evident slowness in gathering momentum suggests left-wing efforts exploit SSN and F-105 issues likely be ineffective in absence some new stimulus such as was provided by Thresher accident and initial reaction to arrival F-105's. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Japan Communist Party Postpones 9th Plenum

Following Central Committee meeting held May 17, Japan Communist Party (JCP) announced decision to postpone 9th Party Congress until after next general elections. According Party regulations, congress must be held every second year (8th Congress held 1961), but may be delayed by decision of Central Committee if "special circumstances" warrant. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: General elections not yet scheduled; may be held any time between now and late fall of next year. Decision probably based more on desire to avoid open discussion of issues involved in Sino-Soviet dispute in hope that some accommodation between two major powers can be reached before plenum convenes. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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4. Supreme Court Issues Ruling in "Popolo" Case

Thirteen-member Japanese Supreme Court panel gave first interpretation of Constitution's Article 23 ("Academic freedom is guaranteed") in decision on 11-year old "Popolo" case issued May 22. Case involved assault by (then student) defendant on plainclothes policeman discovered in audience of politically oriented play sponsored by Tokyo University dramatic group ("Popolo") shortly before May Day riots in 1952. Defense, citing Article 23, claimed assault justified because policeman had no right to enter university; won acquittal in Tokyo District and High Courts. Present ruling, issued in response to appeal by prosecution, made following points: (a) "academic freedom" does not extend to political activities held on campus, (b) gathering in question was open to public, and policeman was present as paying member of audience which also included other non-university persons, (c) resort to violence by defendant not justified in any case. Cautioned, however, against interpretation this decision as extension of police powers over bona fide academic activities. Decision was given both factual and editorial coverage in newspaper following day, and generally well-received by press as common sense ruling. Reaction of extreme left predictably adverse; Zengakuren students demonstrated Kyoto, Kobe May 23; Akahata denounced decision same day. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Essentially, ruling serves to draw line between academic freedom and license, implies no more than sensible limiting of excesses previously committed by leftist elements in name of "democracy". (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARYJoint Army, Navy, Air5. Bill to Elevate Defense Agency to Ministry Level Postponed

Hopes of Director General Kenjiro SHIGA to have Japan Defense Agency (JDA) elevated to ministry status have gone by board for present Diet session (WEEK 11, Item 6). Bill which originally appeared to have 50/50 chance of being presented to Diet this session will now be held over for next session. On May 17 Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasumi KUROGANE informed Shiga that bill will not be introduced this session but stated GOJ definitely plans introduction next session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

6. Military Honors to Emperor

As part their visit to northeastern Japan, Emperor and Empress viewed athletic festival at Aomori City Municipal Stadium, May 21. Upon their arrival,

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1,000-man honor guard from 9th Infantry Division rendered "present arms" and band played unofficial national anthem "Kimigayo." Press (generally based on single Kyodo release) reported Emperor and Empress "taken aback" and onlookers "expressionless at sudden demonstration patriotic fervor." Press further reported that this first time Imperial couple has received military salute since WW II. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press reports not accurate. Defense Agency source stated honors had been approved on May 7 and Emperor briefed in advance. Cabinet on October 9, 1962, had approved rendering honors to Imperial family by "military escorts;" first such honors rendered to Emperor October 11 (WEEKA 41, Item 9, 1962). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Maritime Safety Board Director General to Retire

Isamu WADA, Director General, Maritime Safety Board (MSB) has indicated to Nava officers that he will retire at end of June. His successor will be Akio TSUJI, present Chief, Shipping Bureau, Ministry of Transportation. According to highly-placed MSB source, who has had brief service with MSB as Chief, 5th Regional Headquarters at Kobe, is "hard man to work for." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

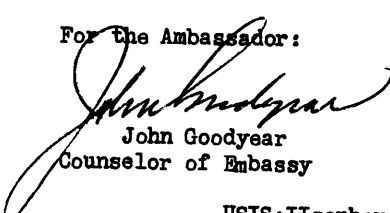
Comment: Tsuji is not expected to make any changes in present excellent cooperation between MSB and US. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Annual Maritime Safety Board Ship Review Held in Tokyo Bay

Japanese Maritime Safety Board (MSB) conducted 15-ship review and demonstration of fire fighting techniques in Tokyo Bay May 18 in celebration of 15th anniversary. Review included fly-over by 7 MSB helicopters and airplanes. Ships taking part represented all ten MSB Regional Districts. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: In addition demonstrating efficiency of MSB, review intended strengthen support for much-needed additional funds. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Intermission Mood
2. Democratic Socialists to Map Election Strategy
3. State Visit of Thai King and Queen
4. Unofficial Visits of SUKARNO and RAHMAN
5. Illness of Defense Agency Official

POLITICAL

1. Intermission Mood

With Left talking about nationwide movement against SSN visits and F-105-D deployment, with ROK-Japan normalization still pending, with opposition Dietmen questioning Government about alleged illegalities in Tokyo elections (WEEKA 17, Item 1), with ILO Convention 87 not yet on rails despite renewed indication from ILO headquarters in Geneva of desire for speedy ratification by Japan, and with deliberation beginning on important Small & Medium Enterprises Basic Law, there would theoretically be material for fight, if politicians were in mood for it. Neither politicians nor public, however, are in fighting mood. In view of impending cabinet reshuffle (scheduled for mid-July), this could be lull before storm, except that there is no reason now to expect reshuffle to be especially stormy. It is simply next act in dramatic serial of Japanese politics, and present period is apparently by common consent kind of entr'acte. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Informed opinion continues vary wildly on probable scope and significance of cabinet reshuffle, reflecting fact IKEDA himself has not yet made up mind. LDP SecGen MAEO, with health improving, seems more and more likely to be kept on, and this in turn increases likelihood of retention of OHIRA as FonMin. Beyond this, politicians' guesses differ according to their estimate of probability of early Diet dissolution: If Ikeda is planning early dissolution, they calculate, he will not bother with thorough shake-up of cabinet, but if he plans to hold off on dissolution until next spring or later he will carry out at least "medium-scale" reshuffle, in order provide air of "freshness". Most experienced observers (like LDP Vice SecGen Zenko SUZUKI--WEEKA 21, Item 1) are betting against early dissolution and for at least medium-scale reshuffle. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Democratic Socialists to Map Election Strategy

Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) Central Executive Committee (CEC) May 30 approved broad outline of program for mobilizing total resources of party in preparation for next general election. Special seven-man committee, headed by Chairman NISHIO, created to work out concrete strategy and extraordinary party convention will be held this fall to approve final campaign strategy. Present plans call for fielding 75 to 80 candidates, with special emphasis to be placed on election approximately 35. (DSP now holds 15 Lower House seats.) In addition, particular effort to be made to strengthen co-operation with and political effectiveness of Domei Kaigi, including greater Domei Kaigi representation in party's roster of candidates. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: DSP leadership proceeding on assumption that general elections probably will not be held before next spring at earliest. Launching of campaign preparations in advance of other parties probably intended in part to revive sagging spirits of DSP supporters in wake of local election set-back, as well as to discourage factional bickering. Embassy informed that issues raised by KATAYAMA (WEEKA 20, Item 2) not discussed at this CEC meeting. Katayama's threat to bolt party apparently has met with little response within anti-mainstream group and, although there still chance he will make good his threat, it believed unlikely that many of his supporters will follow his lead. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. State Visit of Thai King and Queen

Thai King and Queen arrived May 27 for 10-day state visit accompanied by FonMin Thanat KHOMAN. Royal visit given prominent press treatment. Press reported Khoman met with OHIRA for discussion Laos, South Vietnam and possibilities increased Japanese participation in Thai economic development. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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4. Unofficial Visits of SUKARNO and RAHMAN

Indonesian President SUKARNO, accompanied by 29-member suite arrived May 23 for 10-day unofficial visit. ForMin SUBANDRIO, Deputy First Minister LEIMENA and State Secretary ICHSAN. Sports Minister MALADI arrived later for talks with Tokyo Governor AZUMA and other Japanese Olympic officials regarding question Indonesian participation. Press has also reported that Sukarno has met President's special representative Wilson Wyatt and US Oil Company officials to discuss Indonesian plans affecting oil companies.

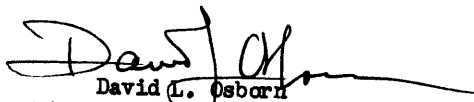
Malayan Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman arrived May 30 in response Sukarno invitation. Although no agenda set, meeting will undoubtedly center on plans for Federation of Malaysia. Time of meeting tentatively set for morning May 31. Press quoted informed sources that meeting would not affect Foreign Ministers meeting scheduled for June 7 in Manila. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.MILITARYArmy5. Illness of Defense Agency Official

Administrative Vice-Minister Munso TOGA, highest ranking career civilian official in Defense Agency, underwent stomach ulcer operation May 24. Operation was sudden and cancer was feared but biopsy revealed no malignant growth. Yocho KATO, Chief, Director General's secretariat, has taken over Toga's work. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Toga's illness has given new impetus to past rumors that he may be replaced by Kato. Such action unlikely, however, at least until firm prognosis Toga's illness is possible. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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2. JSP to Conduct Foreign Policy Review
3. Sukarno-Rahman Visits
4. Personnel Changes in Top MSA Positions
5. JMSDF Submarine Oyashio Leaves for Pearl Harbor.

POLITICAL

1. SSN Controversy

Japan Socialist (JSP) and Communist (JCP) Parties and support organizations launched month-long anti-SSN entry mass movement campaign with signature collecting drive opening June 4 and rally following day staged in vicinity Tachikawa Air Base. Simultaneously, in Lower and Upper House Diet committees JSP members opened second round of interpellations on this issue, covering much same ground as in previous debate (WEEKA 18, Item 2). Government, on other hand, moved to obtain public support and understanding by release in form of interim report of certain information obtained from US re safety factor and compensation. In press conference June 5, Foreign Minister OHIRA (1) reiterated GOJ position that in principle entry SSN's cannot

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be denied since introduction nuclear weapons not involved; (2) expressed view SSN's would contribute to security Japan; (3) rejected argument that entry would open way for introduction nuclear weapons, and (4) insisted that question unrelated US nuclear strategy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Tachikawa rally reportedly drew only approximately 3,000 (of predicted 20,000) persons; rain and fact it held on week-day may have contributed to low turn-out. Major rallies scheduled for Yokosuka June 16 and 23 may have greater success. Press, however, continues to treat issue with restraint, and indications remain that, barring new incident which might rekindle popular apprehension, Opposition cannot mount major mass movement on this issue. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP to Conduct Foreign Policy Review

Japan Socialist Party (JSP) Foreign Policy Committee, headed by mainstreamer Hiroo WADA, reportedly met June 5 to map out main areas of policy formulation in coming months. According press reports, these include: (1) Korean reunification, with drafting of concrete proposals to be completed before visit JSP delegation to North Korea, now scheduled for September (WEEKA 20, Item 4); (2) increasing understanding within UN of party's position on Okinawa and northern territories; (3) improvement of Japan-Communist China relations, including promotion of exchange of news correspondents; and (4) encouragement of greater understanding of JSP principle of positive neutrality at International Parliamentary Union meeting in Belgrade this August. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Approach indicated is in line with Wada's insistence on necessity develop concrete action programs in foreign policy area. Suggestion that JSP will attempt propaganda effort in international forums, however, is new tack. In this connection, source within JSP has informed Embassy that party giving serious consideration to possibility sending delegation to fall UNGA session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Sukarno-Rahman Visits

After two meetings in Tokyo, Indonesian President SUKARNO and Malayan Prime Minister RAHMAN issued joint statement June 1 reaffirming faith in 1959 Treaty of Friendship and calling off war of words against each other. FonMin OHIRA previous day had made public his hope that Malaysia would develop peacefully and be stabilizing force in Southeast Asia. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese officials and press gratified by results of meeting because (1) they consider that it augurs well for future peaceful development Southeast Asia which Japan regards as important to her future welfare and security, and (2) agreement was reached in Tokyo thus giving Japanese psychological lift and boosting Japanese willingness exert some leadership in Asia. GOJ had not publicly

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endorsed Malaysia plan before May 31 and statement at that time may have been designed influence outcome of talks. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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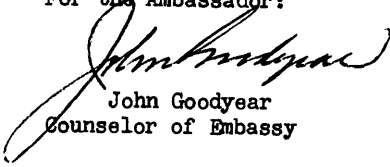
The two top positions in Japanese Maritime Safety Agency (formerly Bureau) will change when Director General Isamu WADA retires June 7 (WEEKA 21, Item 7) and Deputy Director General Jo YAMAZAKI is transferred back to Transportation Ministry to become Chief of Seamen's Bureau on June 10. Akio TSUJI, Director of Shipping Bureau, Transportation Ministry, will be new DirGen. New Deputy DirGen not yet announced. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Wada had announced his retirement to NavA officers over a month ago, transfer of Yamazaki came on short notice with reason not given. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. JMSDF Submarine Oyashio Leaves for Pearl Harbor

Submarine Oyashio, originally scheduled to leave June 4 but delayed by Typhoon Polly, departed Yokosuka June 6 for six weeks training at Pearl Harbor, where she will make use of facilities not available in Japan. Oyashio will stop en route at Midway and is expected arrive Pearl June 15, returning to Japan September 3. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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2. Opposition Presses AZUMA, IKEDA Administration on Election Violations
3. Ambassadors Conference
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5. Jackson Case
6. Soviet Ambassador Leaves
7. Reaction to President's Speeches
8. British Commonwealth Squadron Completes Visit
9. National Defense Council Secretary General Returns

POLITICAL

1. LDP-JSP Negotiators Narrow Gap on ILO Convention 87

Marathon negotiations between LDP labor expert KURAISHI and JSP's Mitsu KONO and Sohyo SecGen IWAI resulted in compromise agreement June 13 on package deal promising passage of ILO Convention 87 and amendments to four related domestic labor laws. In major concession, LDP agreed to establishment of special council to study restoration.

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of collective bargaining rights to public service workers unions, with informal understanding that council would make favorable recommendation within one year. In return, JSP/Sohyo consented to creation of centralized Personnel Bureau under Prime Minister having administrative control over public servants, with informal understanding bureau would not begin functioning until special council made recommendations. Agreement reached on all other points of difference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Difficulties may still arise over informal LDP guarantee regarding grant of collective bargaining rights within year; also possible that ILO issues may become involved in legislative horse-trading and fail to reach Diet floor. However, most observers now believe that after four-year effort, Convention 87 will be passed by current Diet session as part of package deal. In large measure, progress on ILO bills result of PriMin Ikeda's determination to overcome intra-party opposition. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Opposition Presses AZUMA, IKEDA Administration on Election Violations

As investigations continue to turn up more and more violations, this year's local election shaping up as one of dirtiest in history of postwar Japanese politics. Cases under investigation now exceed 19,000, or more than twice 1959 total. Focus of attention - as well as of opposition attack - is Tokyo gubernatorial election, where violations most flagrant (WEEKA 17, Item 1) and LDP apparently most vulnerable, with prominent conservative officials already under arrest. JSP has already initiated legal action to have contest nullified. Other parties, including Soka Gakkai, which supported Azuma in campaign, joined JSP in attacks on LDP in both Diet and Tokyo Assembly demanding that Azuma resign and Ikeda publicly accept ultimate responsibility. Both leaders have "regretted" that irregularities occurred, but firmly deny knowledge of or involvement in them. Press has given issue prominent coverage, deploring perennial corruption in somewhat stronger than usual terms, but more responsible papers have not suggested Azuma recall or withdrawal. Although some right wing conservatives are attempting to exploit affair as means of weakening Ikeda, only conservative voice of note to join in Azuma-must-go chorus so far is that of respected commentator Tatsuo MITARAI, who pointed to Azuma's connection with forthcoming Olympics and reputation as a sportsman, and urged that he resign. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Azuma highly unlikely to withdraw voluntarily, except as alternative to recall. Invalidation also improbable, but in view mounting record of violations and arrests in high places, this not yet out of question. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Ambassadors Conference

Thirteen GOJ ambassadors and six consuls general from Asian area began week-long conference June 11 in Tokyo. Agenda items included ChiCom relations with USSR, India, and SEA, Sino-Japanese trade, ROK-Japan relations, Malaysia,

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conditions in Laos and Vietnam, and Japanese entry into OECD. Press reported that ambassadors have urged increase in Japanese economic and technical assistance to other Asian nations and assumption bolder, more forthright position on international issues, such as Sino-Indian border dispute and provision of grant aid to Laos and Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Release to press of such views from ambassadors is in line with GOJ efforts to condition public to more active role by Japan in international affairs. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK Seizes Four Boats

ROK has seized four Japanese fishing boats since June 1 after two and one-half months without such incidents. FonOff concerned over possible effect these seizures upon atmosphere of talks; it hopeful, however, that projected visit of Korean FonMin KIM to Tokyo and, possibly, of Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU to Seoul will help resolve outstanding differences. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Climate for agreement on both sides still appears favorable, but continued ship seizures will damage prospects for agreement. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Jackson Case

High government officials, including Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, questioned in Diet during past week regarding court martial acquittal of Marine Pfc JACKSON who involved in traffic accident in Okinawa resulting in death of school boy. Opposition demanded government take "high posture" toward US as result of its "abuse of administrative rights." PriMin IKEDA declined comment pending further investigation and other officials noted that some of measures advocated by opposition, e.g., filing suit in ICJ, not appropriate in view present US-GOJ relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Socialists attempting create major issue but government's handling of case so far successful in keeping public interest at moderate level. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Soviet Ambassador Leaves

Soviet Ambassador Vladimir M. VINOGRADOV left for home June 11 by ship for one month vacation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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7. Reaction to President's Speeches

Japanese media gave detailed, favorable top coverage to President's American University speech, followed by commentaries and editorials 1) hailing speech and decision to suspend atmospheric tests, and 2) suggesting US also stop underground series. General tenor of reaction was not optimistic re outcome of Moscow talks, noting earlier Soviet intransigence and wide difference between US and Soviet concerning on-site inspection proposals.

President's racial speech also given prominent coverage but reported within context of story about successful admission two students to Alabama University summer session. Editorial reaction limited, commended President, government and advised Japanese to look at own prejudices. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: President's American University speech has done more to recapture and dramatize "peace image" for United States in Japanese mass media than any other event in recent times. Fact that speech on racialism has caused editorial self-reflection re Japanese prejudices is best testimony of its positive effect. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY8. British Commonwealth Squadron Completes Visit

British, Australian, and New Zealand ships completed month's visit to Japanese ports (WEEKA 16, Item 3) June 10 after final visit to Tokyo area marred by torrential rains of Typhoon Polly. British aircraft carrier HMS Hermes forced to cancel only appearance in Japan (Yokosuka June 5-10) when catapult troubles forced return to Singapore. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visits to 18 ports uneventful with exception RNZN cruiser Royalist visit to Hakata May 24-28 where sailors threw coins to school children on pier, evoking critical comment from public and press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

9. National Defense Council Secretary General Returns

Takashi KITAMURA, National Defense Council Secretary General returned to Japan June 12, completing 6-week official visit to United States and Europe (WEEKA 17, Item 5). Commenting on discussions with US defense officials,

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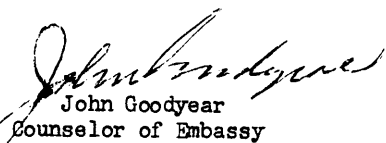
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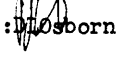
Kitamura stated "trip most informative and very profitable." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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7. MSDF Launches Two New Destroyer Escorts

POLITICAL

1. Diet Stalled

With less than three weeks to go before close of extended Diet session (July 6) and with large backlog of bills awaiting action, proceedings suddenly stalled in Lower House June 18 when Socialists (JSP) unsuccessfully resorted to force in effort block committee approval of bills amending unemployment relief program. After LDP chairman forced way into committee room through JSP blockade and bills approved by confused voice vote, JSP declared action illegal and announced intention boycott all Lower House Committees until action voided and bills recommitted. During two days of negotiations which followed, LDP, which pressing for introduction bills to plenary

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session, refused to yield to JSP demand, being supported in this position by Speaker's ruling that committee action had been legal. A number of standing committees met June 20 in absence JSP members, but no attempt made to convene special ILO committee which has met only once since formation (WEEKA 24, Item 1). Situation further complicated later that day when LDP again overrode JSP obstructionist tactics in Cabinet Committee to force out five bills, while Commerce Committee, in absence JSP, reported out Small and Medium Industries Bill. JSP threatens use all available means block LDP attempt obtain Lower House plenary session vote on this legislation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP and Sohyo, largely under pressure from Communist-dominated All-Japan Day Laborers' Union (Zen-Nichi-Jiro), are committed to all-out opposition to amendment unemployment relief program. In particular, Sohyo mainstream efforts to counter criticism by JCP elements within that organization probably require strong show of determination to block passage. LDP, however, probably believes it has upper hand in view greater interest on part of JSP/Sohyo leadership in obtaining ratification ILO 87, or at least avoid onus for failure Diet take action, and fact that Socialist obstructionism likely draw public criticism. Although JSP may, therefore, be forced back down on unemployment relief bills, at least some face-saving concession will be necessary on part LDP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Anti-SSN Mass Movement Campaign Slow in Gathering Momentum

Co-ordinated Socialist (JSP) and Communist (JCP) Party mass movement campaign against entry nuclear-powered submarines thus far has failed to build up head of steam (WEEKA 23, Item 1). Major rally held at Yokosuka June 16 under JSP/Sohyo sponsorship drew only 10-12,000 of predicted 30,000 persons; only 300 turned out for Sasebo rally same day. Approximately 6,000 participated in rally and demonstration held in Tokyo June 19, although many of these may have been All-Japan Day Laborers' Union (Zen-Nichi-Jiro) members who had been mobilized to protest passage of amendments to unemployment relief legislation (see Item 1). Next major anti-SSN rally scheduled for June 23 at Yokosuka, primarily under JCP sponsorship. Turn-out of 100,000 being predicted by sponsors, but actual number participants likely be far smaller. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite fact that movement slow in gathering momentum, JSP and JCP organizers show no sign relaxation efforts to rouse public opinion on this issue. Recently, however, there have been some indications of doubt being expressed privately within JSP concerning success of campaign, a situation reportedly being attributed to public apathy toward SSN entry issue. This note of pessimism is in contrast to confident attitude of JSP in earlier stages of campaign.

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Intellectual weekly and scientific magazines have carried sustained, heavy anti-entry material concentrating on Thresher mishap, lack of US information substantiating safety claims. Common characteristic all these magazine articles is evident distortion facts in effort heighten fear and anxiety re possibility maximum damage resulting from accident and contamination. Major newspapers and radio-TV, on other hand, continue give restrained treatment to issue. Jiji polls for months May and June showed approximately 26% opposed entry, five percent for, and 24% believing entry "inevitable." (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Tokyo Election Scandal

Tokyo Election Control Committee announced rejection on June 14 of JSP-sponsored appeal to nullify April 17 Tokyo gubernatorial election on grounds of election law violations by supporters of winning candidate Ryotaro AZUMA (WEEKKA 17, Item 1). As anticipated, rejection based on Committee finding that, while violations had occurred, illegal activities had not decided outcome of election. Following rejection, JSP announced intention to file invalidation suit in Tokyo High Court; also formed special headquarters (with SecGen NARITA in charge) to continue attack on Azuma in Diet and carry issue to people in streets. In this connection JSP has launched handbill drive and signature campaign with target of 400,000 names supporting Azuma resignation demand by opening of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly on June 27. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Azuma remains in potentially dangerous position, with Socialists apparently determined to bring him down if they can. Additional fireworks probable when Metropolitan Assembly meets on June 27, but ultimate outcome probably depends on results of investigations reportedly underway on additional conservative leaders. Further arrests could elevate scandal to damaging level for national LDP as well. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Gensuikyo Reunification Agreement Report

Negotiations between Socialist Party (JSP), Sohyo, and Communist Party (JCP), carried on intermittently since major rupture last March in Gensuikyo reunification effort (WEEKKA 9, Item 5), reportedly reached agreement June 19 on basis five-point statement of principles. Immediately following, Gensuikyo standing executive council announced that Ninth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs would be held under Gensuikyo sponsorship during first week in August. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Vaguely worded five-point statement makes no direct reference to principle of opposition to nuclear testing by any country, which JCP has adamantly refused to accept. Although citing February 21 Gensuikyo unification statement, which explicitly endorsed this principle and which had been rejected by JCP, new five-point statement side-steps issue by ambiguous references to

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respect for minority opinions and right of criticism. Tactical considerations, including need maximize resources for anti-SSN campaign and desire forestall failure Ninth World Conference, may have persuaded JSP and Sohyo to agree to paper over differences with JCP on Gensuikyo reunification issue. Basic struggle for control leadership of peace movement probably has not been resolved, however, and this new truce likely be only temporary. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. ROK Releases Japanese Fishing Boats

ROK informed GOJ June 19 five fishing boats and 42 fishermen seized since June 1 would be released and handed over to GOJ authorities June 21. Chief negotiators PAE and SUGI met June 20 and agreed resume fisheries negotiations next week. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although release clears way for renewal of negotiations, progress will depend on whether two sides can arrive at formula involving abandonment of RHEE Line and institution conservation agreements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL6. Media Reaction - Soviet Cosmonette

Coed space spectacular drew sustained prime attention from all Japanese media, with NHK programs, news commentaries rescheduled to cover successful landing. Lack of success in orbital docking duly noted, as well as apparent inability to remain aloft as long as expected. NHK commentators commented on relative lack of data from Soviet space flights as compared to US Mercury series; specifically cited Glen's visit Japan, his open attitude. Shukan Asahi carried seven-page biographic backgrounder on Valentina, which could have considerable appeal to young Japanese women. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Latest Soviet launching should provide major continuing propaganda vehicle with particular appeal to Japanese women. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARYNavy7. MSDF Launches Two New Destroyer Escorts

MSDF launched 1490-ton destroyer escorts Oi (DE-213) June 15 at Maizuru Shipyard and Kitakami (DE-214) June 21 at Ishikawajima Harima Juko Shipyard,

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Tokyo. Keel of Oi was laid July 10, 1962 and Kitakami July 7, 1962. Both expected to be completed late March 1964. Ships are identical and are sister ships of Isuzu (DE-211). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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2. Ampo Kaigi Announces New Round Nationwide Anti-SSN Demonstrations
3. ROK-Japan Relations
4. Bill to Elevate Defense Agency to Ministry Level
5. Changes in Key MSDF Personalities
6. GSDF Senior Officers Promoted
7. Senior Defense Agency Official Recovering from Illness

POLITICAL

1. Diet

As Diet goes into final week JSP is employing such dilatory tactics as "cow-walk" voting (foot-dragging as they march up to cast ballots), introduction of pointless amendments, etc. Immediate cause of fuss is Unemployment Projects Bill (WEEKA 25, Item 1), which, though not intrinsically unacceptable to more moderate opposition members, is anathema to ultra-left unions. Opposition fears attack from left extremists if it does not make effort block bill. Chairman of Upper House Committee in which bill is lodged following its "ramming through" Lower House is JSP member, who will presumably try to keep bill bottled up in Committee as long as possible. LDP now readying plenary session move to unfreeze bill in hopes of getting it passed before

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next week. Chances are bill will either be passed or be made object of last minute deal by which, for example, it would be carried over to next session in exchange for JSP cooperation in clearing out backlog of other pending bills (some of which, like Small and Medium Enterprises Standards Law, are non-controversial in any case). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: It is often hard to tell how much of these Diet fusses is show designed to placate extremists of both parties (ultra high-postured LDP members, ultra-left unionists). In this case, show aspect probably dominant. JSP talks of forcing Diet dissolution, and they might have subsidiary aim of preventing further debate on SSN entry question in order lend substance to later charges that expected GOJ approval of SSN entry taken without adequate Diet airing (See Item 2). However, even though JSP probably believes early Diet dissolution would be to its advantage (permitting it capitalize on Tokyo election scandals while they still fresh, for example), JSP Organization Bureau Chairman Saburo EDA stated recently he did not believe SSN or other current issues could provide necessary occasion for dissolution; and this statement probably still accurate. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Ampo Kaigi Announces New Round Nationwide Anti-SSN Demonstrations

Highest turnout thus far in mass movement campaign against entry US nuclear-powered submarines achieved June 23 (WEEK 25, Item 2). Nationwide rallies were sponsored by Ampo Kaigi (People's Movement to Oppose Security Treaty) and spearheaded by Peace Council, Minseido, and other JCP-controlled elements in trade union and student movements. Largest rally held at Yokosuka where police estimated attendance approximately 45,000 (sponsors had predicted 100,000). Kobe rally drew estimated 21,500, with 7-8,000 in Sasebo and 7-10,000 in Nagoya; reported rallies in 10 other localities drew smaller crowds. In follow-up effort June 25 (anniversary start of Korean War), much smaller rallies staged Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka. According Akahata, Ampo Kaigi has called for new round of nationwide demonstrations July 4-6 with over-all target of 100,000 daily. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Results of co-ordinated Socialist (JSP) and Communist Party mass movement campaign during June fell considerably short sponsors' expectation. Size and extent of June 23 demonstrations probably indicative more of all-out effort on part of JCP than of rising tide popular opposition. Nevertheless, higher turn-out achieved June 23 likely be portrayed as evidence movement rapidly gaining force. ~~In connection with the above, the Government is expected to introduce a bill to amend the National Security Act, which would allow the Government to take measures to prevent the entry of nuclear-powered submarines into Japanese waters.~~ In this connection, new round Ampo Kaigi-sponsored series of demonstrations may be keyed to possible introduction by JSP of non-confidence motion against Ikeda Cabinet during final days of Diet session (see Item 1). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. ROK-Japan Relations

CHOE Gyu Ha, special advisor to Chairman PAK with rank of Ambassador,

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arrived Tokyo June 26 to participate in ROK-Japan negotiations scheduled begin June 28. He and his party planning remain about ten days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Series of conferences during coming week should provide indication whether positions of both sides on fisheries can be brought near enough to permit decisions at Foreign Ministers meeting, tentatively scheduled July 17, which would prepare way for possible early over-all settlement outstanding issues and conclusion normalization agreement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY4. Bill to Elevate Defense Agency to Ministry Level

Kazuo SASAMOTO, Chairman of Defense Sub Committee, Liberal Democratic Party Policy Board, in conversation with ARMA disclosed that decision had been made not to submit bill to elevate Defense Agency to Ministry status during current session (WEEK 21, Item 5). He said that majority LDP Diet members strongly favor elevation as soon as possible, but believe timing not yet right. Sasamoto also stated he thinks bill will be presented to Diet during extraordinary session - probably September or October 1963. (Next regular Diet session opens December 1963.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

5. Changes in Key MSDF Personalities

July 1 retirement of Adm Sadayoshi NAKAYAMA, Chief, Maritime Staff, expected to be confirmed at Cabinet meeting June 28. According to Adm Nakayama, his successor will be Self Defense Fleet CINC VAdm Ichizo SUGIE, whose nomination also expected be confirmed June 28 Cabinet meeting, as well as appointment VAdm Sakuo MIKAMI as new Self Defense Fleet CINC and promotion to VAdm of RAdms Noboru NAGAI and Tomoharu NISHIMURA. Nishimura reportedly will be appointed new Vice Chief of Maritime Staff over heads of all present VAdms. Vice Chief, Maritime Staff, VAdm Hiroshi ISHIWATA, will remain on active duty until later this year when he will retire. VAdm Takao ASO, Commandant, Yokosuka Regional District and most senior VAdm, also expected retire July 1. Other changes will follow as seven Captains promoted to RAdm effective July 1. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Retirement of three top MSDF flag officers will bring about complete revamping of MSDF command personalities. Adm Nakayama's retirement comes after much speculation that he would be appointed successor to Gen Keizo HAYASHI, Chief, Joint Staff Council. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. GSDF Senior Officers Promoted

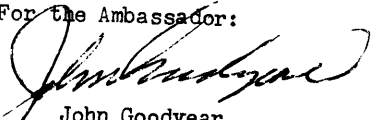
Ten GSDF colonels will be promoted to major general and, subject to Cabinet approval June 28, four major generals will receive three-star rank effective July 1. New lieutenant generals will be division commanders Seiichi YOSHIE and Yoshio SUGAYA; Commandant, Fuji Combined Arms School, Eiichi HIROSE and Commandant, Officers Candidate School, Terunosuke OSHIMA. (UNCLASSIFIED)


Comment: None.7. Senior Defense Agency Official Recovering from Illness

JDA Administrative Vice Minister Muneo TOGA is recovering from operation performed on May 24 (WEEKA 22, Item 5) and which has required his hospitalization since that time. He now spends two hours at his office in morning and returns to hospital in afternoon. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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1. Diet in Stretch
2. Korean-Japan Affairs
3. BADGE System Selection
4. Defense Agency Adopts New Recruiting System
5. Maritime Self Defense Force Gets New Chief

POLITICAL

1. Diet in Stretch

With day and half to go before end of current Diet session, both houses putting on burst of speed to clear out much as possible of legislative backlog. Lower House, in "normal" plenary session July 4 for first time in over two weeks, approved 29 bills. Upper House expected to be back on rails today, getting as many bills as possible through committee and onto floor in time that remains. However, since this pace is possible only with full cooperation of Socialists, LDP cannot hope for passage of controversial measures, and there is some dissatisfaction in LDP ranks over arrangement which in effect gives opposition deciding voice. Trouble may yet erupt before session ends. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Comment: In circumstances, ILO-87 ratification this session impossible; best that can be hoped for is carry-over to next session. Despite LDP grumbling, score on legislation for 43rd session as whole is about par. Small Enterprises Standards Bills, probably most important legislation, and Unemployment Projects bill, certainly most controversial, have both passed. However, basic issue has become one of Diet normalization, and if trouble comes it will be over this issue, rather than specific legislation. There is now talk of GCJ-LDP's introducing anti-filibuster measures at extraordinary session this fall, with speculation that this might occasion Diet dissolution. SSN entry issue, lost in shuffle during past two weeks of legislative wrangling, will be revived by JSP in Foreign Affairs Committee interpellation by Chairman KAWAKAMI on final day session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Korean-Japan Affairs

ROK Special Ambassador CHOE Gyu Ha met with FonMin OHIRA several times during past week and agreed speed up fisheries negotiations. Japanese officials privately have expressed disappointment that Choe has not yet presented any definite fisheries proposals, but press speculated he may do so at July 5 meeting. Meanwhile, GCJ offered 40,000 tons grain to ROK through Red Cross for Korean relief following floods in Korea. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GCJ grain offer may have favorable influence on atmosphere of negotiations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY3. BADGE System Selection

On July 3, JDA Director General Kenjiro SHIGA announced decision to adopt Hughes Aircraft Company's BADGE (Base Air Defense Ground Environment) system. Selection this system over those proposed by General Electric and Litton Industries Co. is being criticized in press as based on economy rather than effectiveness. Joint JASDF-USAF technical review of decision will be made to decide adequacy of system to meet joint requirements. Contract for purchase of system is expected to be signed mid-1964 after U.S. share of cost is decided. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Favorable reception JDA decision may have been prejudiced somewhat by earlier statement to press by GE (Japan) representative to effect that final decision rests with US and is likely to be in favor GE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Defense Agency Adopts New Recruiting System

Japanese Defense Agency (JDA), which thus far has conducted year-round recruiting campaign, announced July 31, that it would henceforth conduct two

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drives per year. Press reported that change came as result pressure from Finance Ministry which felt present method too costly and ineffective. Finance Ministry reportedly also concerned with ~~result~~ high number of recruits who quit service after enlistment (JSDF personnel can resign at will) - in some months as high as 20%. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Thus far, JSDF has had no difficulty in meeting personnel requirements except in field of doctors, dentists, and officers. Officer problem would be partially solved if plan implemented to give B.S. degree to Defense Academy graduates. Enlisted recruiting has, up to now, maintained JSDF at 95% or higher, except in case of GSDF, where budgetary limitations have restricted personnel to be enlisted to about 85% of legal personnel ceiling. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Maritime Self Defense Force Gets New Chief

Adm Ichizo SUGIE, former CINC, Self Defense Fleet, relieved Adm Sadayoshi NAKAYAMA as Chief, Maritime Staff, July 1. Adm Nakayama retired same date (WEEKA 26, Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While Adm Sugie does not receive pay of full Admiral, he does wear insignia of rank and is afforded all courtesies and privileges of that rank, (WEEKA 48, Item 4, November 30, 1962). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. ROK-Japan Negotiations
3. Diplomatic Appointments
4. Missile Tests Begun on Niihima Island
5. Changes Imminent in Top Defense Posts
6. National Defense College Graduates Tenth Class

POLITICAL

1. Diet Recesses as Cabinet Reorganization Looms:

Until last few hours of 43rd Diet session it seemed that LDP and JSP had patched up just enough of compromise to ensure carry-over of ILO Convention 87 ratification and other important bills to next session (WEEKA 27, Item 1); however, pointless show of obstructionism by JSP left-wingers on morning of last day strained tempers of LDP hard-liners past breaking point; mood of compromise evaporated, and session ended with no carried-over bills at all. Scheduled debate between Prime Minister IKEDA and JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI called off. There was talk of calling extraordinary session as early as August to "normalize" Diet and complete passage of ILO package, together with some speculation about possibility of Diet squabble resulting in dissolution and general elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: It now seems more probable that extraordinary session will be put off until late fall, and that Diet dissolution and general elections will be put off until next year. PriMin Ikeda's cabinet reorganization July 17 - 18 will provide better basis for judging political prospects. Ikeda is under pressure from LDP reformists to shake up cabinet in disregard of factional considerations and oust cabinet members under suspicion of involvement in Tokyo gubernatorial election irregularities (WEEKA 25, Item 3). While top cabinet posts (including FonMin OHIRA, Finance Min TANAKA) likely to be retained, there may be a fairly thorough reordering of lesser posts, and this would militate against early dissolution of Diet (cabinet unanimity, required for Diet dissolution, would be harder to guarantee with lot of new faces in lineup).

No particular policy shifts expected as result of shake-up, which will be watched mainly for signs of how Ikeda intends to go about seeking third term and what his chances of success are. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. ROK-Japan Negotiations

ROK negotiators proposed July 5 that ROK would abandon Rhee Line but maintain exclusive fishing rights in forty-mile zone around Korean peninsula; four zones for joint control fisheries would be established outside forty-mile line. In addition, Koreans have asked for technical cooperation and provision capital equipment to Korean fishing industry. Japanese rejected 40-mile concept as "harsh" and unacceptable. Both ROK and GOJ sides have privately informed Embassy this ROK "offer" is for bargaining purposes and Korean domestic consumption, implying another offer will be made. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both sides engaged in hard bargaining tactics but hope some progress can be made on fisheries problem before meeting between Foreign Ministers KIM and OHIRA third week in July so that decisions can be made leading to early overall settlement which, according schedule envisaged by Korean delegate, might be signed by late November. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Diplomatic Appointments

Cabinet July 9 approved Yoshimitsu ANDO, Director American Affairs Bureau of FonOff, as Ambassador to Iran succeeding Ko CHIBA who was appointed DCM to UN with Ambassadorial rank. Ambassador to Ghana, Susumu NAKAGAWA, reassigned to Washington as Minister. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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MILITARY4. Missile Tests Begun on Niijima Island

Series of tests of domestically produced missiles at new Niijima Island missile range begun on July 8 with two firings described by JDA technical personnel as successful. Opposition by islanders to range construction and use has been recurrent problem; however, only three of 50 fishing vessels that local press had predicted would attempt to stage "sit down" strike entered impact area. First missile firing delayed about one hour until vessels cleared from area by several destroyers and patrol boats with no subsequent efforts to interfere reported. Firing is scheduled to continue until August 5, with a break between July 21 and 29. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Left-wing effort generate opposition to firing appears have been on smaller scale and have met with much lower response than in 1961 when major campaign mounted against construction of missile range. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Changes Imminent in Top Defense Posts

Foreign Office/Defense Agency sources report separately that retirement of JDA Administrative Vice Minister Muneo TOGA will be announced simultaneously with appointment of new JDA Director General and new Parliamentary Vice Minister; outgoing officials from latter positions are Kenjiro SHIGA and Koichi IKUTA. Toga will be replaced by current Chief, Director General's Secretariat Yozo KATO. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Toga has been ill for some time (WEEK 22, Item 5). His retirement, however, will be welcomed by many professional officers. Although respected for his integrity and conscientious efforts, he has been criticized for slowness in making decisions. Kato will probably provide more vigorous day-to-day administration within the Agency and enjoy greater confidence of active and retired professional military men. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. National Defense College Graduates Tenth Class

National Defense College Tokyo graduated tenth class of students representing each of three Self Defense Forces (SDF) July 11. About one-third of class were civilians from various government offices. JDA Administrative Vice Minister Muneo TOGA was principle speaker; Chief, U.S. MAAG, Japan also addressed graduating class. Among other high-ranking officials present were Chiefs of three SDFs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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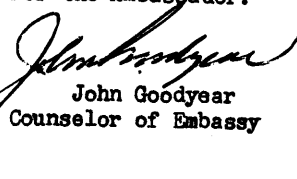
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Comment: National Defense College, which is similar to US National War College, graduates one class annually from its regular 10-month course. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Cabinet Reorganization
2. Rightists Burn Kono's House
3. ROK-Japan Talks
4. Sohyo's IWAI to Serve Out Term
5. Foreign Minister's Travel
6. New Defense Agency Director-General
7. JMSDF Training Fleet Sails for Europe
8. Newspaper Polls Show 43 Per Cent Support Ikeda Administration

POLITICAL1. Cabinet Reorganization

New cabinet lineup announced evening July 17 appears reflect Ikeda's determination pursue existing policy lines without change of direction but with perhaps more vigor. Important posts of Foreign Affairs, Finance, International Trade & Industry, Economic Planning, Construction, Labor, and some of lesser posts unchanged, while inclusion of elder statesman Okinori KAYA (as Justice Minister) and Eisaku SATO, principal contender for succession to Ikeda (as Director of Hokkaido Development Agency, Director Science & Technics Agency).

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Comment: There has been predictable criticism of new cabinet from both press and opposition parties, much of it focused on fact that apportionment of posts obviously dictated to considerable extent by Ikeda's desire to maintain factional balance. At same time, there were enough appointments where experience and ability of appointees was clearly deciding factor to take curse off this criticism. ~~THIS INFORMATION IS UNCLASSIFIED SINCE IT DOES NOT RELATE TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE~~
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Comment: Generally, political right has been moderately active over past several months; acts committed, however, have been scattered, without apparent focus or coordination, and have for most part been limited to relatively subdued devices such as smoke bombs, leaflets, and threatening letters. While current incident is most spectacular rightist news since 1961 "Sarnau" assassination plot, and though outside investigation not yet ruled out by police, Kono house-firing seems to have been independent undertaking of small local group. Primarily, incident is significant as reminder that,

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despite moderate trends in Japanese politics as whole, radical right still exists and is capable of terrorist acts. Attack on Kono may trigger more excesses in near future. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. ROK-Japan Talks

ROK delegation July 12 proposed 13-point program for Japanese economic assistance to Korean fishing industry as part of fisheries agreement. Program includes construction, repair, and improvement of ships, construction of installations for processing marine products, and technical assistance. GOJ has estimated cost at \$180 million. Japanese side has indicated willingness consider purchase Korean fisheries products, sale of fishing boats, and use of base line rather than low water mark from which to measure boundary 12-mile line upon which Japan insists. ROK, however, still holding to 40-mile line. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both sides hope groundwork can be laid for some measure progress during KIM-OHIRA discussions scheduled about July 24. Past two weeks have seen no substantial progress, however, and positions still far apart. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Sohyo's IWAI to Serve Out Term

Presidents of major Sohyo affiliates decided at meeting July 12 that SecGen Akira IWAI should serve out full 2-year term ending summer 1964, despite earlier speculation that he would resign just prior to Sohyo convention July 25-29 to "assume responsibility" for Shin Shukan debt (WEEKA 9, Item 7). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Decision to retain Iwai represents recognition that on balance Sohyo would be worse off without him. Iwai, however, remains open to anti-mainstream "blackmail" on Shin Shukan issue, and net result is that Sohyo likely to be weaker than in recent years. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Foreign Minister's Travels

Foreign Ministry announced July 18 FonMin OHIRA will leave Japan end of August for two week trip to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England and France. He plans return Japan before proceeding to New York for mid-September opening UN General Assembly. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ohira's visit will return visits to Japan during past year of Norwegian, British, and French Foreign Ministers. It will be first visit since war of cabinet minister to Scandinavia. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Cabinet changes announced by Prime Minister IKEDA July 17 included replacement of Kenjiro SHIGA by Tokuyasu FUKUDA as Director General Japan Defense Agency.

Fukuda, 58, is Tokyo University graduate; a former diplomat (1930-1947), he resigned with rank of Consul General to become private secretary to then Prime Minister YOSHIDA, and has been in Diet from 7th District of Tokyo since 1956. Now member of OHNO Faction. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although definitely a more important political figure than his predecessor, Fukuda is not strong political leader. He is represented to be very favorably oriented toward US. His appointment indicates GOJ still does not consider Defense Agency key Cabinet post. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Navy7. JMSDF Training Fleet Sails for Europe

Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Training Fleet, under command RADM Koji TAKIGAWA left Tokyo July 19 on four-month cruise through Middle East to Europe. Training Fleet consists of destroyers Teruzuki (Fleet Flagship), Akizuki, Onami, and Takanami, and has total complement of about 1,200. Will visit Penang July 31 - August 3, Colombo August 7 - 9 and November 3 - 4, Aden August 19 - 20 and October 26 - 27, Suez August 25, Alexandria August 26 - 29, Toulon September 5 - 9, Kiel September 18 - 23, Portsmouth September 25 - 30, Naples October 8 - 12, Istanbul October 15 - 18, Port Said October 21, Bangkok November 12 - 15. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This cruise takes Japanese naval vessels to European waters for first time since WW II. Cruise originally slated for West coast of North America, was changed to Europe at suggestion of Prime Minister IKEDA (WEEK 4, Item 6). (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL8. Newspaper Polls Show 43 Per Cent Support Ikeda Administration

Asahi poll results for random sample of 2,621 persons surveyed June 26 and 27 show 43 per cent support Ikeda administration, 29 per cent oppose, and 28 per cent gave other replies or no answer. Support has dropped from 47 per cent in August 1962, but is still at higher level than

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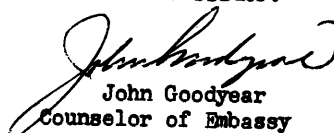
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support for Yoshida or Kishi governments after three years. This result supported by smaller Jiji poll held July 10-12, in which Ikeda administration again received 43 per cent.


Asahi poll also showed that popular support for LDP has risen to all-time high of 41 per cent as compared 36 per cent in 1962. This result is not supported by Jiji poll, which showed only 36 per cent for the LDP. Difference may be due in part to question wording: Asahi asked for party "most liked", while Jiji asked for party actually "supported". (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: There is some evidence that Asahi may be interested in presenting favorable image of Ikeda administration; this interest may have affected construction of questionnaire. Thus far, however, Embassy unable to obtain full questionnaire. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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			<u>POLITICAL</u> 1. <u>JSP-JCP Friction Impedes Preparation for Gensuikyo Ninth World Conference</u> <p>With Ninth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs (WEEKA 25, Item 4) less than 10 days away (August 5-7), JSP and JCP factions in Gensuikyo leadership still unable either to form workable executive body or agree on procedural matters such as agenda, delegation sizes. Main obstacle remains rejection by ChiCom-influenced JCP of principle of opposition to nuclear testing by any nation, which JSP considers fundamental to purpose of Conference. Gensuikyo acting Standing Directors Committee (Tanto Jonin Rijikai) formed on July 22 after several postponements, with two members from each faction, and fifth member to be selected later. Series of meetings this week, however, produced only impasse. Committee continuing to meet in hope that compromise can be found in time allow orderly opening of Conference.</p>																																																																											
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Meanwhile, actual organization of Conference growing like Topsy, with both sides making own plans in absence effective central control. JCP most active at delegation level, where mass-movement experience and international communist connections give it advantage; JSP, apparently hoping to manipulate Conference through parliamentary control, is concentrating on organizing support at executive level. Both JSP and JCP are pressing respective positions in party organs, JCP apparently coordinating its campaign in Akahata with ChiCom propaganda media. Among foreign delegations reportedly planning to attend are Soviet (10-member delegation), ChiCom (17), US (1). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Indications point to continued friction up to and during Conference. Whatever nominal agreements rival factions may reach in interest of "unity", actions of JSP and JCP outside framework of joint negotiations demonstrate clearly that neither has altered basic stand. Situation will be further intensified at Conference by presence of ChiCom delegation, which in view current Sino-Soviet difficulties is almost certain to influence JCP toward harder, more belligerent line. Ironically, partial test ban agreement, if signed, likely to cause more agitation than rejoicing in Conference which has been demanding such agreement for years. JSP will probably welcome it, while JCP side inclined to emphasize danger that ban is "imperialist trick". JSP may try to give some of credit for its achievement to pressure created by Japanese "peace movement" (See Item 2).

2. Sohyo Convention Opens

The most noteworthy remarks made on opening day of 23rd Sohyo convention, July 25, were those of President OTA who flatly stated that Secretary General IWAI should remain in office for good of Japanese labor movement. Ota also welcomed favorable course of Moscow talks, which he attributed to efforts of "peace movement", including Gensuikyo. ChiCom representatives castigated test ban as American trick, withheld comment on Soviet role, and stated that ChiCom proposal for total disarmament was only true road to peace. Main debate at convention between pro-JSP majority and pro-JCP minority factions will take place during the next few days over Sohyo draft action policy, which emphasizes economic rather than political struggles, as in 1962. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Having failed to receive complete backing from all Sohyo officials, Iwai tendered his pro forma resignation July 24, and left question of his remaining in office up to convention. Since he has mainstream backing, there is little doubt that he will be retained. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. Korean Foreign Minister Arrives

ROK FonMin KIM Yong Shik arrived Tokyo July 25 for appointments with FonMin OHIRA July 26 and 27 and PriMin IKEDA July 29. Will also see LDP leaders including Vice Chairman OHNO. At airport press conference Kim described fisheries issue as most important question to be discussed, and expressed hope that talks could be wound up by year's end. He said political opposition in Korea would present no problem provided fair settlement reached.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Conversations will cover all aspects current normalization negotiations but most difficult will concern 12-mile line (WEEKA 29, Item 2), fisheries conservation agreements, and economic cooperation concerning fisheries. If settlement is to be reached this year, these meetings will have to produce sufficient agreement to permit treaty drafting to begin soon.
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4. ROK-Japan Economic Normalization

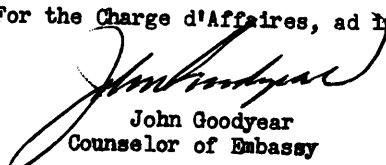
JAL obtained Cabinet approval July 19 for establishment in October of commercial air service to Korea in cooperation with KAL. On July 25, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Korean Chamber of Commerce July 25 signed memorandum to promote economic exchanges. Each country to create Japan-ROK Economic Committee to consider trade expansion measures. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These developments have taken place outside framework of normalization negotiations but are indicative of attitude favoring closer cooperation which is developing on both sides. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Japan to Sign Test Ban Treaty

For country which has long claimed preeminence in field of opposing nuclear tests, by virtue of its historical position as first target of nuclear weapons, Japan displayed surprising mixture of emotions in few days between initialing of treaty in Moscow and public announcement July 30 of Japanese intention to sign. Public as whole unreservedly welcomed treaty not only as relief from "death ash" worries but as first step towards relaxation international tensions, a view promptly endorsed by DSP and JSP. For a while it appeared that only misgivings among Japanese were those of JCP (which, when chips are down, has to side with Chicom) and GOJ. GOJ hesitancy, compounded of bureaucratic caution ("Let's wait and see what other nations do"),

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pique over lack of prior consultation, fear that public euphoria might be exploited by Left to spoil climate for SSN entry and defense buildup (JSP endorsement did in fact make point SSN entry doubly objectionable now), nit-picking questions about drafting points, and reservations about Treaty's exclusion underground tests, was quickly overcome as other nations declared positions and as overriding political and moral importance of GOJ's doing whatever it could to make treaty a success became evident. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Bearing of treaty upon Japan's relations with Communist China is source of some ambivalence even in popular (i.e., non-JCP) attitudes. Possibility that one of Japan's special obligations as signatory will be to bring moral pressure to bear on Chicom raises specter of Japan's more active association with US "containment" policy; also, Chicom charges of conspiracy to enforce racial segregation in nuclear club awaken some uneasy echos here. Notion that Japan by pledging in effect not to develop nuclear capability is somehow exhibiting hostility towards Communist China is of course paradox; but paradox or no, it affects attitudes. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP-JCP Clash Threatens Ninth World Anti-Bomb Conference

Likelihood that Ninth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs, scheduled convene August 5 in Hiroshima, will open on note of discord increased as another week of informal negotiations between JSP/Sohyo and JCP failed produce agreement on former's insistence that opposition nuclear testing by any country be confirmed as basic principle of movement. Situation evidently aggravated by conclusion partial test ban (Item 1). JSP, which welcomed signing and GOJ decision adhere, pressing for endorsement by Ninth World Conference; JCP, however, following Chicom line in attacking treaty as "imperialist trickery." In absence JSP-JCP agreement, Gensuikyo acting Standing Directors Committee unable proceed with conference preparations, and there now possibility that sponsorship of Ninth Conference will fall to Hiroshima Gensuikyo chapter. National delegates already arriving Hiroshima, and last-minute efforts reach agreement between JSP/Sohyo and JCP expected take place there. Immigration Bureau has denied visa to one member Chicom delegation now in Hong Kong and has refused extension visas of two Chicom delegates who attended recent Sohyo convention; visa also refused to one member Soviet delegation. As result two delegations will be evenly matched at 14 members each. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ninth World Conference now appears headed for open clash between JSP and JCP with latter following lead of no-compromise Chicom delegation. JSP/Sohyo stand also appears have stiffened in course recent fruitless talks with JCP, possibly reflecting calculation that onus for split can be fastened on JCP. Repetition of last year's fiasco at current World Conference could administer coup de grace to Gensuikyo and result in reorganization of Japan's peace movement with JCP isolated from main body. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. Sohyo Convention

Twenty-third Sohyo convention (August 25-29) dominated by backstage maneuvers involving Shin Shukan debt and related question of whether OTA-IWAI team would remain in leadership jobs. In addition to anticipated attack on SecGen Iwai by pro-Communist anti-mainstream faction, some delegates from mainstream unions also demanded Iwai's resignation. Mainstream fissure partly healed when President Ota and Iwai tendered pro forma resignation in token of assumption responsibility, and several hours later were reelected without opposition by voice vote. Although economic and trade union issues were discussed at convention, attention focused on mainstream-anti-mainstream debate concerning Gensuikyo (TAKANO and JCP factions supported Peiping line on test ban treaty), political party support issue, and Sohyo's role in international labor affairs. In response to sharp interpellations from pro-Communists, Iwai expressed renewed support for both Indonesian-proposed Afro-Asian Labor Conference (AALC) and for Yugoslav-backed "3A" Conference. No evidence to date that any progress made toward holding of either Conference. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Sharpness of exchanges between mainstream and anti-mainstream at convention probably reflection of JSP/Sohyo-JCP confrontation within Gensuikyo (Item 2). Additional strain on relationship with Peiping imposed by ChiCom attitude toward test ban treaty suggests that Sohyo will continue cautious, foot-dragging policy toward sponsorship of AALC. Question of how many unions will actually pay assessment on Shin Shukan debt during 1963, as promised, remains up in air, but evident that issue was not "settled" as leaders had hoped. Consensus is that Ota-Iwai suffered loss of prestige which likely diminish their leadership effectiveness during coming year. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK-GOJ Foreign Ministers Meet

ROK Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik and FonMin OHIRA met July 26 and July 30 to discuss fisheries negotiations. Kim also paid fifteen minute call on PriMin IKEDA July 30. Joint communique issued after second FonMin talks (1) affirmed desire both countries settle fisheries question, (2) stated GOJ agreed to ROK proposal for fisheries conservation measures provided they are practicable and impartially applied, and (3) Japan, in response Korean request, agreed assist development Korean fisheries.

Disappointed Kim did not agree to 12-mile line, GOJ is unwilling commit self on other negotiable items under discussion until first assured on 12-mile line. Asian Bureau Director told Charge that unless such assurances received within two weeks, approaching Korean elections may prevent conclusion agreement this year. Kim reportedly will try to persuade ROKG take this step. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: GOJ's publicizing its willingness help develop Korean fisheries and Kim's reported efforts modify ROK position on 12-mile line are modest steps forward. Future progress depends on ROK assurances on 12-mile line. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. Changes in Key Personnel of Defense Agency

Cabinet July 30 accepted resignation of Japan Defense Agency (JDA) Parliamentary Vice Minister Koichi IKUTA and approved Kishitaka IHARA as his replacement. In other key changes, Cabinet approval anticipated August 2 for replacements of: retiring Administrative Vice Minister Muneo TOGA by Yozo KATO, Chief, Director General's Secretariat; KATO by Yoshio MIWA, Director, Guard Division, National Police Agency; Defense Facilities Agency Director Kazuo HAYASHI by Yutaka ONO, Director, Personnel Bureau; and Chief, Procurement Office, Katsura MIHARA by Nobushige YAMAGAMI, Deputy Director, Defense Facilities Agency (WEEKA 28, Item 3). (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: This is largest personnel shift in several years and evidently intended to strengthen and revitalize JDA. Changes expected to result in more effective management, including prompter decisions in policy matters. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. GSDF Reassignments

GSDF on August 1 carried out semi-annual reassignment of senior officers. Twenty-three Major Generals, 157 Colonels and 25 Lieutenant Colonels were transferred. Transfers represents approximately 34% of Major Generals, 30% of full Colonels and 2% of Lieutenant Colonels. This reassignment, unlike transfers March 15 (WEEKA 10, Item 4) involved no change in Army or Division Commanders. (No Lieutenant Generals were transferred.) Two changes took place on Joint Staff, the J4 and J5; one change on General Staff and two on Special Staff of GSO. This recent action brings total transfers of senior officers to date this year to approximately 23% of Lieutenant Generals, 41% of Major Generals and 50% of Colonels. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

7. Formation of Olympic Support Corps Approved

Formation of an Olympic Support Corps was announced July 27 by Japan Defense Agency as having been approved by the Cabinet for activation early this month. Corps will comprise some 6,600 men of Self Defense Forces with over 600 vehicles, 10 helicopters, 55 naval craft, salute guns, and large amount of communications equipment. Press reports claim this is largest military support

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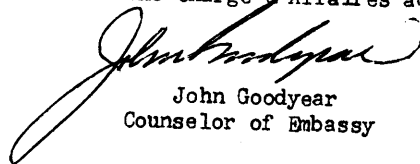
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force in Olympic history, surpassing 4,800 men of Italian armed forces who supported 1960 Olympics in Rome. Major General Haruo UMEZAWA, GSDF, former Joint Staff Council, J4, has been designated as commander of new organization. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Assignment of personnel to this force will have severe impact on training of affected units, particularly those of Eastern Army, GSDF. (UNCLASSIFIED).

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North World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs held at Hiroshima/ August 5-7 began on note of disunity and confusion when JSP/Sohyo, last prior opening plenary session, pulled out in anger over JCP's success in packing Conference, thus dashing Socialist hopes that Conference would confirm principle opposition nuclear testing by any country and approve partial test ban. Independent JSP/Sohyo rally held August 7 announcing intention make clean break with Gensuikyo and sponsor new anti-bomb movement; this decision subsequently broadened to policy no co-operation with JCP in peace movement as whole.

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JSP/Sohyo pullout did not restore unity; confusion in Conference arrangements continued, reflecting disarray within Gensuikyo, and bitter verbal warfare between ChiCom and Soviet delegations flared at every opportunity. Some semblance of unity - that fooled no one - restored at very end, with international delegates approving "appeal" avoiding all reference to partial test ban and concentrating on anti-US imperialism, anti-SSN themes. National delegates adopted JCP-line resolution on domestic peace movement which side-stepped question whether opposition to nuclear testing by any country should be basic principle of movement and was non-committal on partial test ban, emphasizing instead conclusion total test ban and nuclear weapons treaty by all countries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Outcome Ninth World Conference a tactical "victory" for JCP, which concerned primarily with 1) blocking any Conference action (such as expression approval for test ban or opposition to nuclear tests by any and all countries) that would have been unacceptable to ChiComs and 2) at same time avoiding if possible open break with Soviets. Although intense and uncompromising nature of ChiCom and Soviet hostility was clearly revealed, procedural arrangements at Conference virtually ruled out clearcut substantive victory for either side; at any rate, neither side apparently desired at this time press controversy to point where JCP forced choose sides and Conference would have ended in spectacle of complete disunity within Communist camp. Conference has nevertheless produced apparently irreparable split in domestic "peace movement", facing JSP/Sohyo with need to draw clearer line between themselves and JCP. To what extent this will affect leftists' mass campaigns against SSN entry, Japan ROK talks, etc. not yet clear. Popular and media expressions of disillusionment and disgust are encouraging some conservatives to hope that Hiroshima developments will have salutary educational effect on Japanese public. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Foreign Minister Ohira's Visit to Washington

In reaction to interest equalization tax proposed in President's balance of payments message July 18, FonMin OHIRA was dispatched to Washington on July 31 to request relief from effects of tax. He was accompanied by senior officials from Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, MITI, and EPA. Although primary purpose of trip was discuss interest equalization tax, wide range of other topics also discussed with President Kennedy, SecState Rusk and Deputy Defense Secretary Gilpatric. After conference with Secretary of Treasury Dillon, communique was issued establishing joint Japan-American committee to observe effects of interest equalization tax on Japanese economy. On return to Tokyo August 8, Ohira expressed satisfaction with achievements to date. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Committee to be set up as result Ohira-Dillon statement will have to consider some potentially difficult questions in near future:

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(1) If Japanese balance of payments runs into deficits, how much of this can be attributed to U.S. interest equalization tax and how much to strictly domestic considerations, (such as high rate of expansion in industrial production, rising prices of certain important imports, and crop failures requiring unusual imports of agricultural products)?

(2) If Japan forced to impose credit restraint and therefore reduce its rate of growth, how much of this will be due to unfavorable balance of payments and how much to severe inflationary pressures at home (consumer price index rising by 7% in six months, January-June, 1963)?

These technical problems aside, there may be severe political pressure exerted from Japanese side because of general elections anticipated sometime during next 12 months (Item 3). Prior such elections, GOJ will be averse to initiation any action such as credit restraint which would affect pocketbooks of its major supporters. To extent that greater inflow of American capital could provide rationale to postpone such credit restraint, it would be eagerly sought after. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. More Speculation on Diet Dissolution

In talk to newly appointed parliamentary vice ministers August 7, PriMin IKEDA referred to probability of Diet dissolution and general elections within next twelve months. While almost no one has expected general elections to be put off beyond next summer in any case, PriMin's statement has spurred renewed speculation about dissolution before end of 1963, presumably to be carried out at extraordinary Diet session expected convene in October-November. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Many LDP Dietmen increasingly restive as their prospective opponents in next general elections intensify pre-campaign activities designed cut into Dietmen's constituencies; they would like to have elections over with before opponents can gain advantage. Some proponents of early dissolution point out that if elections do not precede budget compilation, budget will be inflationary, since it must include variety of vote-getting projects. Also early dissolution regarded by some Ikeda lieutenants as favorable to his chances for third term. Hiroshima Gensuikyo fiasco (Item 1) has in opinion many conservatives provided additional reason for early dissolution by placing Left at disadvantage. Despite all this, question still remains whether JSP will give Ikeda justification he must have if he is to dissolve. Socialists continue talk as though they would welcome elections, but whether they really mean it is not known. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. ChiComs Commence Japanese Edition Peking Review

ChiComs have initiated Japanese language air mail edition of weekly propaganda organ Peking Review. Priced at twenty yen a copy or six hundred yen a

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year, it will be distributed through four Tokyo book stores which specialize in Communist foreign and domestic publications. Publication was announced in August 7 edition of Akahata and readers were offered free sample copies. Printing run is reported to be 20,000 but probable initial circulation is estimated at less than 15,000. Reportedly, first issue will include articles on reception for Chinese delegation returning from Moscow talks, text of the CPSU letter of April 19 to Chinese Communist Party; article on proper path for international Communism, and attack on American nuclear strategy, most of which appeared in English edition of July 26. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Publication of Japanese edition apparently undertaken as part of recently intensified ChiCom campaign to sell Peking side of Sino-Soviet dispute to Japanese left wing. Despite announcement, however, first issue still not available at designated bookstores. According unsubstantiated report of one dealer, entire shipment held up in customs at Yokohama. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY5. National Defense Council to Meet

Meeting of National Defense Council has been scheduled for August 13, 1963 to discuss recent international developments, including ChiCom-USSR relations, partial nuclear test ban treaty, and Foreign Minister OHIRA's recent trip to the U.S. This meeting will also be first opportunity for National Defense Council Secretary General Takashi KITAMURA to report results of his U.S. - European visit (WEEKA24, Item 9) to assembled council. He has previously reported directly to PriMin Ikeda and key government officials most concerned. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

6. GSDF General Takes Own Life

Ground Self Defense Force Major General Tsunemitsu SANO, 54, hanged himself in his Tokyo residence on August 5. He was in good standing and had no professional problems. Sano was slated for retirement at the 55-year maximum age limit for major generals, and although already assured of civil employment, reportedly had family problems and was depressed at idea of terminating military career. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Although given prominent press treatment, Sano's suicide is considered personal tragedy, not involved with substantive military matters.
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3. Media Coverage of War Memorial Anniversary
4. Emperor and Empress Attend Memorial Services for War Dead
5. New JASDF Vice Chief of Staff Appointed

POLITICAL1. JSP to Continue Co-operation with JCP in Anti-SSN Campaign

Socialist Party (JSP) Central Executive Committee (CEC) met August 13 to consider future course participation in peace movement in aftermath Ninth World Conference Against A- and H-Bombs (WEEKA 32, Item 2). CEC confirmed earlier decision break with JCP in anti-bomb movement but deferred for further consideration question whether attempt form new organization. Focus JSP/Sohyo anti-bomb movement will be on demand for total prohibition nuclear weapons and complete disarmament. At same time, CEC decided continue co-operation with Communist Party (JCP) in opposing entry nuclear-powered submarines and introduction F-105's on grounds that there no disagreement on objectives these movements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: CEC decisions in part probably reflect sensitivity JSP mainstream leadership to anti-mainstream criticism of strategy at Hiroshima, as well as pressures from far left wing within party against across-board break with JCP. Reluctance of mainstream leaders to make clean break with JCP also probably strengthened by awareness of JSP/Sohyo organizational and manpower weakness in mass movements as compared with strength JCP. This factor reflected in deferral question whether form new anti-bomb organization; this decision likely depend on extent to which recent events have weakened JCP control at local and regional level of Gensuikyo thus opening way for JCP/Sohyo organizational drive. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Japanese Fishermen and Boats Released by Soviets

Press August 5 reported GOJ informed by Soviet Embassy of USSR intention release 22 Japanese fishermen detained since July when their boat was seized by Soviets. Press also reported that 329 Japanese fishing boats and 139 fishermen still detained by the Soviets. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Foreign Office has confirmed to Embassy accuracy of press report. According Foreign Office, 1962 Soviet seizures totalled 72 boats and 506 crewmen; totals this year as of July 31 were 11 boats and 122 crewmen. Foreign Office commented that conclusion new fisheries agreement earlier this year may account for apparent drop in seizures. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

3. Media Coverage of War Memorial Anniversary

Nationwide media, particularly radio and television, gave greater coverage this year than ever before to August 15 anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II (See Item 4). In addition to press, NHK and commercial coverage of unprecedented moment of prayer for those lost in war, led by Emperor and Empress at Hibiya Hall, Tokyo, numerous commentaries and editorial treatment given to Japan's new role in world. Asahi editorial noted establishment of new "horizontal" relationship in nation replacing pre-war vertical Emperor-subject relationship, as well as a rebirth of social consciousness, and encouraged nation to adopt new kind of nationalism as a basis for internationalism. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Media reaction triggered by official recognition of anniversary, but may reflect latent and widely-held sentiment in support reassertion sense of national identity. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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4. Emperor and Empress Attend Memorial Services for War Dead

Emperor and Empress attended government-sponsored memorial service honoring Japanese war-dead August 15. Service was first of what will be annual ceremony. (GOJ sponsored two previous memorial services, one on May 2, 1952, marking conclusion of Peace Treaty, and second on March 28, 1959 dedicating Tomb of Unknown Soldiers. Emperor and Empress attended 1959 ceremony.)

Memorial service attended by about 2,000 persons including 478 members bereaved families from all prefectures and by GOJ officials including Prime Minister and four service Chiefs of Staff. Services made political issue when JCP/JSP/DSP raised question of constitutional separation of state and religion and claimed government sponsorship was for purpose of encouraging support for rearmament and amending Constitution. Socialist Diet members reportedly boycotted meeting, though some apparently attended as individuals. GOJ stated that ceremony, which included prayer for war-dead, was non-sectarian and therefor not violation constitution.

In addition ceremony at Hibiya Hall, flags were flown at half-mast on all government buildings, and people throughout country asked to observe minute of silence at noon. Press noted that man-in-street generally appeared unconcerned with event. (UNCLASSIFIED)

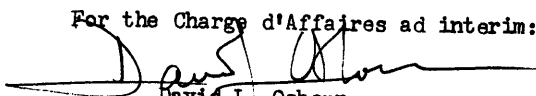
Comment: Ceremony appears to be indication desire on part of GOJ to honor its fallen and not resurgence of militarism. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. New JASDF Vice Chief of Staff Appointed

Lt. General Shigeru URA, former Chief of Defense Division, Air Staff Office, has been appointed new Vice Chief of Staff, Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF), relieving Lt. General Yoshihisa KOJIMA, new Commander of Air Defense Command. This promotion moved Ura ahead of his contemporaries, most of whom out-rank him. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Assignment leaves little doubt that Ura will succeed General MATSUDA, present Chief of Staff, in spring of 1964. He is highly regarded and has played prominent role in recent high-level policy and planning decisions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL1. FonMin Invites Opposition to Participate in UN Delegation

In meeting with Socialist Party (JSP) SecGen NARITA August 21, FonMin OHIRA formally invited JSP to participate with Liberal-Democrats (LDP) and Democratic Socialists (DSP) in parliamentary advisory group to GOJ delegation at coming UN General Assembly. Narita reportedly welcomed spirit of FonMin's proposal but expressed reservations on grounds participation in official advisory group would imply sharing responsibility for GOJ policy. As alternative, Narita suggested possibility separate Diet delegation, presumably in status of "observers," but stated that final JSP decision will be made at Central Executive Committee meeting August 27. FonMin extended

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similar invitation to DSP in meeting with Foreign Policy Chairman Eki SONE on August 22; Sone indicated DSP support and expressed hope JSP could be persuaded participate in order insure supra-partisan group. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Notion of supra-partisan advisory delegation actually originated with JSP Foreign Policy Committee Chairman Hiroo WADA, apparently as part his effort induce greater sense of realism in JSP foreign policy. Ohira's favorable response to Wada's informal approach evidently prompted by desire attempt to bridge gap with Opposition on foreign policy issues. Embassy sources indicate opinion within JSP running against acceptance; major consideration in this respect probably is desire retain full freedom attack GOJ on foreign policy issues in next general election. JSP may attempt offset criticism for refusing Ohira's offer by counter-proposal along lines suggested by Narita. Doubtful this would be acceptable to Chira, however, since would leave JSP free to lobby in UNGA against GOJ policy. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. GOJ Approves Vinylon Plant Sale to Communist China

GOJ August 20 approved sale of vinylon plant by Kurashiki Rayon Company to Communist China for 7,200 million yen (about \$20 million) with 25% down payment and balance payable in annual installments within five years of date of shipment with annual interest at 6%. Plant will produce 30 tons of vinylon per day. GOJ, anticipating unfavorable reaction from Washington and Taipei, sent instructions to its Ambassadors there to explain action. According press August 23, however, GRC Ambassador has urged GOJ reverse decision. Government has defended action primarily on grounds credit terms are commercial, not so low as to constitute economic aid, and are in line with credit terms extended by European countries. GOJ also stated that approval of this contract did not constitute precedent for approval similar contracts in future and indicated some "limit" would be imposed on Ex-Im Bank credits to finance exports to Communist countries. MITI Minister FUKUDA at press conference stated that he wished promote trade with Communist China on basis separation trade and politics. Press has generally applauded long-awaited government decision. While noting that China seeking trade with Japan more aggressively as result Sino-Soviet split, press pointed out that Chinese market for Japanese exports limited by scarcity acceptable items in repayment and that it also desirable push trade with SEA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Decision culminates lengthy and careful consideration beginning November 1962. While GOJ doubtless continue exhibit "forward attitude" toward Chinese trade, Embassy confident GOJ will continue honor COCOM list. ~~interpret~~
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3. Personal Diplomacy

PrMin IKEDA tentatively scheduled visit Philippines September 24-26, Indonesia September 27-28, New Zealand September 30-October 2, Australia October 2-4 returning to Tokyo about October 5. His trip follows FonMin OHIRA's trip to Europe (Weeks 29, Item 5) and, subsequently, to US to attend UNGA. FonMin TANAKA, MITI Min FUKUDA and AgMin AKAGI will attend joint Canada-Japan ministerial conference scheduled September 25-26. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

4. ROK-Japan Relations

FonOff NEA Section Chief Toshikazu MAEDA left August 22 for three-week visit to Korea. He expressed to EmbOff particular interest in Korean domestic political developments, especially Democratic-Republican Party convention to nominate PAK Chong-hui for president. Maeda also indicated doubt that ROK would soon agree to 12-mile line, an agreement which he stated would be necessary before GOJ would send high-ranking official to Seoul to negotiate normalization relations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ assessment appears to be that there are no prospects for early conclusion normalization talks.

5. Diplomatic Appointments

Government announced August 16 appointment of: 1) Economic Affairs Bureau Director Morisaburo SEKI, 55, as Ambassador to Spain replacing Hisanaga SHIMAZU who was transferred to Bangkok December 1962; 2) Consul General in Sydney Kazuo FUTAMATA, 49, as Ambassador to Nigeria succeeding Yoshio KASUYA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

6. Okinawan Ferryboat Disaster

Midori Maru capsized and sank on August 17 while making a mid-day run from Naha to Kume Island. Of an estimated 260 passengers and crew, 143 were rescued, 75 bodies recovered, and at least 42 are still missing and presumed dead. Pending results of an investigation, the press reported that heavy seas and overloading were probably causes of the accident. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Tokyo's attention was distracted from this Okinawan disaster by loss on the same day of Japanese (Fujita) commercial airliner with 19 passengers and crew enroute from nearby Hachiojima Island to Tokyo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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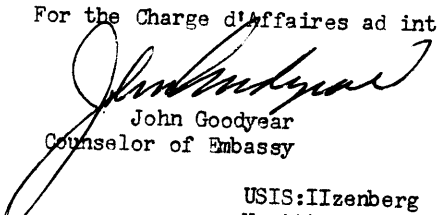
Japanese mass media carried wire reports, photos and maps describing martial law, oppression of Buddhists by Diem government, arrival of Ambassador Lodge in Tokyo, Saigon. Department's August 21 statement given both headline and detailed treatment. Editorials and commentaries on situation appeared in most papers, but NHK comment less than expected. Most comment deplored situation, with some urging Diem seek solution through further negotiations with Buddhists. Normally pro-US Sankei Shimbun laid some blame on US and, said present situation result of Diem regime's neglecting own goals in order to play role in US world strategy. Tokyo Shimbun's editorial dealing with situation called for Asians to solve own problems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Except for Sankei, most mass media placed onus squarely on Diem's shoulders, with surprisingly little negative comment re US role in Vietnam. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. Media Reaction to Civil Rights Rally
7. Public Opinion re SSN Visits, Other Matters
8. JMSDF Submarine Oyashio Returns from Pearl Harbor

POLITICAL

1. JSP Declines Participation in UN Advisory Group

Japan Socialist Party (JSP) Central Executive Committee (CEC), August 27, decided against participation in supra-partisan advisory group to GOJ UN General Assembly delegation as proposed by FonMin OHIRA (Weeka 34, Item 1). As counter-proposal, CEC expressed willingness participate in separate Diet delegation. This proposition conveyed following day by JSP SecGen NARITA to Liberal-Democratic Party (LDP) SecGen MAEO. Mao reportedly agreed consider JSP offer but expressed

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doubt that such Diet delegation would serve useful purpose and noted procedural difficulties presented by fact Diet not in session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although JSP Foreign Policy Committee Chairman WADA reportedly urged acceptance Ohira's offer by CEC, this view evidently overridden by those concerned that participation in advisory group would imply sharing in responsibility for GOJ policy, joined by those opposed in principle to participation in any form. LDP and Democratic Socialists unlikely proceed with advisory group in absence JSP, and prospects for acceptance JSP counter-proposal dim. Ohira's original proposal had met with some opposition inside LDP, and JSP rejection probably will be regarded as relieving LDP of necessity make any further gesture in direction supra-partisan diplomacy. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP Delegation to North Korea

First "official" Japan Socialist Party (JSP) delegation to North Korea scheduled depart September 2, returning September 28. Delegation, headed by Koichi YAMAMOTO, will include JSP Diet members Shichiro MATSUMOTO, Satoko TOKANO, Hideo NAKAMURA, and Shoichi YOKOKAWA and former Dietman Keio SAKURAI. Group will attend celebration 15th anniversary establishment of North Korean regime and confer with KIM Il-son and other North Korean leaders; on return journey, delegation will make one-week stop-over Peiping for talks with ChiCom officials. At press conference August 26, Yamamoto stated visit intended promote friendly relations between Japan and North Korea on basis unification Korea and normalization diplomatic relations. Yamamoto stated he did not know whether joint statement would be issued but insisted that if it were, delegation would draft statement from JSP point of view, giving consideration to interests of both countries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: ROK Mission has requested GOJ to prevent JSP visit on grounds would prejudice ROK-J relations; FonOff reportedly reserved reply. Visit originally scheduled for June but postponed because of ill health of Yamamoto and fact Diet then in session (Weeks 20, Item 4). Previous visits to North Korea by JSP members have been on private and individual basis; Yamamoto delegation, on other hand, officially endorsed by party in response to invitation from North Korea. Conduct of delegation apparently left in hands of Yamamoto, one of senior leaders of anti-mainstream. Although in recent conversation with Chargé, Foreign Policy Committee Chairman WADA indicated hope that delegation would avoid issuing joint statement and particularly any reference to "common enemy" theme, mainstream probably somewhat apprehensive on this score. JSP source has informed Embassy officer that Peiping stop intended provide opportunity seek ChiCom understanding of JSP position on partial test ban and other issues. Possibly with eye to these talks, Central Executive Committee August 27 approved statement on Sino-Soviet dispute in which JSP support for partial test ban agreement qualified by noting "danger" that it will be "misused" to maintain strategic advantage of nuclear powers; statement also expressed opposition to "containment" Communist China and support for its admission to UN on basis "one-China" principle. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. GRC Protests Vinylon Sale to CPR

Chinese Ambassador CHANG Li-sheng August 23 protested sale of vinylon plant to Communist China (Weeks 34, Item 2). The press reported that Vice Foreign Minister SHIMA August 28 provided formal reply stating that Japan's policy is to keep politics separate from trade, that sale was commercial transaction not representing economic assistance, that Japan will restrict its involvement with Communist China so that possibility of formal diplomatic relations does not arise, and that trade with Communist China will not be allowed to adversely affect Japan's trade terms or economic aid to other Asian nations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While there has been speculation in press that GRC may adopt some form of economic retaliation, perhaps going so far as to embargo Japanese goods, GOJ approved sale after considering possibility such measures and it unlikely that GRC protests or threats will be effective in causing GOJ to reconsider.

Spokesman for influential business organization, Keidanren, however, told Embassy officers August 29 that Keidanren was undertaking to placate GRC by pledging support for a GOJ limit on credits to Communist China as well as for favorable consideration of GRC requests for GOJ loans. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. FonOff Reaction to Singapore "Blood Money" Demands

FonOff August 30 issued statement regarding demands made by Singapore Government for "blood money" stating that GOJ sympathizes with feelings of Singapore people, desires promote friendly relations, regretted threat of disruption of relations voiced in popular rally and expressed desire continue negotiations with Singapore Government in calm atmosphere. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ considers it not legally obligated provide reparations to Singapore in view provisions of Peace Treaty and execution war criminals, but is willing provide some gesture atonement in form of projects benefiting all Singapore people such as medical facilities. FonOff has told Embassy that Singapore considered very important to Japanese and that boycott Japanese goods would be serious matter, but GOJ does not wish negotiate under duress. Ease with which Singapore sentiment can be whipped up is reminder of latent anti-Japanese sentiment in Southeast Asia and care with which GOJ must operate to exercise influence and leadership in area. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. World Federalist Meeting

Eleventh Congress of World Association of World Federalists met in Japan August 24-30; major part of conference took place in Tokyo, with last

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two days in Kyoto. Congress received favorable press attention. Former British Prime Minister ATTLEE's participation, at invitation of Asahi newspaper, was principal highlight. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Congress' advocacy of world peace through world law has sizable appeal to many Japanese idealists. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL6. Media Reaction to Civil Rights Rally

Japanese media gave prominent coverage to civil rights march and rally in Washington, with photo, wire service and correspondents' reports front-paged in evening editions of most major nationwide dailies. All noted friendly atmosphere, several carried photo President and rally's leaders, but columns, editorials have not yet taken up subject. NHK, however, has devoted several commentaries to event and problems which brought it on. Influential Kazushige HIRASAWA, broadcasting on NHK-TV top spot, considered event in context of world-wide racial conflict, citing examples intolerance other nations, including Japan. Hirasawa concluded that equalization of living standards, added to contact between races at early age and religious tolerance, best way of solving problem. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

7. Public Opinion re SSN Visits, Other Matters

Nationwide Jiji monthly opinion poll for August shows proposed visit Nautilus-type nuclear sub to Japanese ports approved by 7%, thought "unavoidable" by 28%, and opposed by 22%, as compared with 5%, 23% and 27% respectively for previous month. 67% aware partial N-test ban agreement signed; 55% supported Japan's adherence to agreement and 3% opposed. 40% of respondents believed danger of war has decreased, an increase of 13 - 14 percentage points over past three monthly poll results. Asked to name three countries liked best, U.S. (51%) most often mentioned, England (33%) second; USSR mentioned 4% and Communist China 3%. USSR (43%) lead countries disliked, followed by Communist China (37%); U.S. mentioned by 4%; these percentages show little change from previous months' poll. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Percentage "liking" U.S. rose five per cent, a significant increase. This may reflect an aura of good feeling over test ban agreement although no comparable increase indicated for USSR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY8. JMSDF Submarine Oyashio Returns from Pearl Harbor

JMSDF submarine Oyashio arrived Yokosuka August 28 after six weeks'

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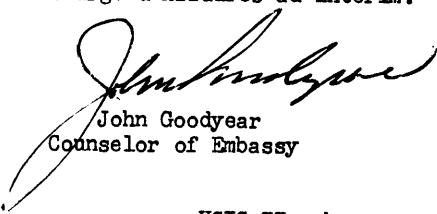
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training under USN's COMSUBPAC at Pearl Harbor and in Hawaiian waters. (Weeks 23, Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Training, utilizing facilities not available in Japan, was considered very successful by both sides. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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ECONOMIC

1. Trade Mission to Communist China September 14

A 23-man Japanese mission headed by Kaheita OKAZAKI, President of All-Nippon Airways, is scheduled depart for Communist China by air September 14. Purpose of mission is to discuss arrangements for 1964 trade as envisaged by five-year private trade memorandum drawn up last November by LDP Diet member Tatsunosuke TAKASAKI and LIAO Ch'eng-chih, chairman of Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee of China (WEEKA 46, Item 4, November 16, 1962). Target for 1964 under memorandum is conclusion of export and import contracts worth \$100 million, as compared first year's target of \$80 million, which largely achieved.

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Mission will consist of businessmen, bankers, and politicians, including four LDP Diet members, as well as a director of semi-governmental Japan External Trade Promotion Agency. For Ministry reportedly recommended against inclusion in mission of LDP Diet members and the JETRO official on ground that their presence would contribute further to irritation of GRC over recent sale of Japanese vinylon plant to Communist China (WEEKA 35, Item 3). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Mission's visit will take place against background of controversy over recent GOJ approval of vinylon plant sale to Communist China and ForMin OHIRA's statement in London that GOJ policy toward Communist China has not changed and that little expansion of Japan-Communist China trade can be expected. Mission, therefore, will doubtless be extremely cautious in trade talks with Communist Chinese, particularly on question of Japanese credits. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

POLITICAL2. Anti-SSN Rallies

Anti-Security Council (Ampo Kaigi)-sponsored rallies September 1 opposing entry nuclear-powered submarines drew only slightly better than usual turn-out at Yokosuka (police estimated approximately 48,000, as compared 45,000 at last major anti-SSN rally on June 23) but reportedly achieved record proportions at Sasebo (police estimated 38,000 as compared with 8,000 on June 23). Japan Socialist Party (JSP) SecGen NARITA and Japan Communist Party (JCP) Central Executive Committeeman HAKAMADA addressed Yokosuka rally, with leading JSP and Sohyo personalities present at Sasebo together with JCP representatives. Reportedly, participants in both rallies were mobilized from over wide area, with those at Yokosuka assembled from eastern and northern Japan, and those at Sasebo drawn from 22 prefectures west of Nara. Rallies were orderly and passed usual resolutions opposing entry SSN's and introduction F-105's. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Sohyo's Tokyo and Kanagawa federations, joined by JSP's Kanagawa chapter, refused to participate in Yokosuka rally, over-all pattern indicates no change at national level in JSP/Sohyo policy of co-operation with JCP in anti-SSN campaign, despite recent split in anti-bomb movement (WEEKA 32, Item 1). Size of Sasebo rally probably more indicative of greater organizational effort over wider area than any significant rise in local popular opposition to SSN entry. Nationally, Jiji opinion polls indicate little change over past several months in popular attitudes on this issue (WEEKA 35, Item 7). JSP/Sohyo and JCP, however, in connection forthcoming extraordinary Diet session may attempt mount another major series demonstrations such as undertaken last June (WEEKA 23, Item 1). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. Domei Kaigi Plans Reorganization

Right-wing Japan Confederation of Labor (Domei Kaigi) September 4 announced reorganization plan calling for dissolution of Domei Kaigi's major components, Zenro and Sodomei, by autumn 1964. Plan provides for Zenro and Sodomei affiliates to join Domei Kaigi directly, thus realizing goal established when Domei Kaigi was inaugurated in early 1962. Reorganization plan is to be debated at Sodomei convention in October and Zenro convention in November (moved up from January in belief that election preparations might interfere with January date). Press speculates that primary impetus for attempt at true Zenro-Sodomei merger came from DSP which eager to have solid right-wing labor backing for Lower House elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Domei Kaigi now fully committed to move toward Zenro-Sodomei merger, there is no evidence that fundamental factors (WEEKA 4, Item 4, January 26, 1962) which have kept the two groups apart until now have been completely removed. Therefore likely that merger moves will face numerous obstacles. One Sodomei affiliate which favors support of both DSP and JSP has already indicated it will reserve position on Sodomei dissolution. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Soviets Release Japanese Fishermen

In accordance with Soviet announcement August 26 of order releasing all Japanese fishermen detained for violating Soviet waters, 141 fishermen held on Sakhalin, Shikotan, and Paramushiro, were liberated September 3 and returned to Japan by Maritime Safety Agency patrol boats. These, together with 22 others released mid-August (WEEKA 33) and several more liberated later in the month, brings total freed during past month up to nearly 175.

Most of these fishermen were captured this year, but several had been held since 1962 and before. According to press, only one Japanese fisherman still being detained in Russia -- Mitsuo MIYAJIMA, captured in 1958 and now serving 10 year sentence for espionage. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Return of the 141 was widely hailed by Japanese press. Criticism of Soviets for having detained the fishermen so long was negligible, possibly minimized by success of recent Soviet efforts to establish friendlier relations with Japan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PSYCHOLOGICAL5. ChiCom Art Exhibit Opens in Tokyo

Chinese Communist Government opened impressive exhibition of Yuan Dynasty art on August 31 at Shirokiya Department Store, devoted to full-

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scale reproductions of murals from Yung Luoh Palace in Shansi Province and selected Yuan Dynasty potteries. Yomiuri Shimbun and the Art Friend Association (AFA) are co-sponsors, supported by the Japan-China Cultural Exchange Society (Nitchu Bunka Koryu Kyokai). Exhibition will also be shown in Nagoya (sponsored by AFA and Chubu Nippon Shimbun), and in Kyoto (sponsored by AFA and Kyoto Shimbun). Opening ceremonies were attended by Yomiuri publisher Matsutaro SHORIKI and the curator, WANG I-CH'IU, described in press reports as chief of research section of Peking Cultural Assets Museum. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Exhibition obviously represents major ChiCom effort in cultural field, and will probably contribute considerably to forming image that ChiCom government is respecter and protector of traditional Chinese art and culture. Has been well-attended, with estimated average attendance of 2,400 persons daily. The murals appear to be excellent reproductions and are tastefully exhibited. With few exceptions, explanations posted at various points in hall are generally free of political coloration. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY6. JSDF Joint Manuevers

JSDF's 1963 Joint Manuevers (Operation AURORA) are being conducted in the Shimamatsu-Eniwa area of Hokkaido September 2-8 under command LtGen Shunichi MIYAZAKI, CG, GSDF Northern Army. Some 12,000 men, 24 ships, 77 aircraft, and numerous tanks and other vehicles are involved in the joint air-ground-sea maneuver. While last year's exercise was confined primarily to naval operations (exercise stressed convoy protection by naval and air forces and ended with completion of unopposed, administrative landing of GSDF troops), this year's gives only one day to naval portion of exercise (naval movement to objective and another unopposed landing) followed by three days of ground maneuvers plus one-day firing exercise. Additional training in air and sea transport are being conducted concurrently with land maneuvers. Units involved are GSDF Northern Army's 2nd, 5th, 7th and 11th Divisions plus supporting units, and some units from Eastern Army. MSDF units involved are one Escort Division, part of Fleet Air Force, 1st Landing Ship and Craft Division, and Ominato Regional District. ASDF contribution is part of Air Defense Command, part of Transport Wing, and Air Control and Weather Service Corps. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: By choosing to carry out another administrative landing, JSDF has again, to great extent, evaded and left unresolved the doctrinal issue of command relationships which would have to be faced in an assault-type operation involving sea and air protective cover of ground troops. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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7. JDA Budget (FY 1964)

Work on the JDA 1964 budget request was completed on August 30 with approval LDP Policy Committee. Total budget request is \$75.4 million, which is 18.4% increase over FY 63 as compared to 12.5% increase from FY 62 to FY 63. Increase is intended primarily to offset rising military procurement and maintenance costs. Request is broken down as follows: \$29.8 million for GSDF; \$17.5 million for MSDF; \$25.6 million for ASDF, and \$2.5 million for miscellaneous items including \$720,555 for research and development.

Included in GSDF portion is request for increase in reserve strength from 21,000 to 24,000, as well as request for small increase in civilian employees. Also contains request to increase authorized active duty strength from 84% to 85.5%. (1% increase in active duty strength costs approximately \$159,000.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

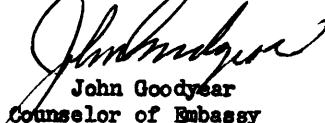
Comment: Budget request as prepared does not take into consideration any reduction in US aid. JDA officials believe Finance Ministry will cut requested amount by approximately 10% during substantive discussions expected to take place sometime after November 1. This cut, together with rising costs, may in effect constitute net reduction of actual spending power as compared FY 63 budget. (CONFIDENTIAL)


8. New Japanese Defense Attache Assigned to Bonn

Commander Shoichi KADOWAKI, MSDF, scheduled arrive Bonn, Germany September 12 for assignment as Defense Attache, Japanese Embassy, relieving Col HORI, GSDF. Col Kadowaki, who reported to have fair to good ability in German and fair ability in English, is former Imperial Japanese Navy officer who has visited US since war and appears well disposed toward US. Has been in training for this assignment since March 1962. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None.

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1. Supreme Court Acquits "Matsukawa" Defendants. RFE

Supreme Court on September 12 upheld lower court acquittal of all 17 defendants in 14-year old "Matsukawa" case. In lower court trials held 1950 and 1953, defendants were found guilty of having acted in communist-influenced conspiracy to engineer 1949 train derailment (in which 3 persons were killed) during period intense labor strife and widespread political violence. Defense, loudly backed throughout by left-wing labor and political organizations, appealed to Supreme Court, where guilty verdict reversed in 1959 for insufficient evidence of conspiracy, and case returned for retrial by lower court. Sendai High Court returned not-guilty verdict in

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retrial held 1961, and present Supreme Court decision was in response to final prosecution appeal. Announcement given top play by all media; was televised live by major networks and front-paged in all afternoon newspapers. As in all previous decisions, courtroom and surrounding scene were dominated by partisan mob of leftist rooters, who this time began assembling three days prior to opening of session.

Political leftwing reacted with unrestrained joy, touting ruling as "democratic victory"; victory parade held following announcement, and celebration rally held Hibiya Park same evening with reported 10,000 participating. Sohyo spokesman stated verdict "exposed unjust uses of state power", and JSP SecGen NARITA demanded Government compensate defendants and assist them "reconstruct lives". Remarks of Government spokesman reflected studied circumspection and firm respect for sanctity of judiciary. Justice Minister Okinori KAYA emphasized importance of abiding by court ruling, and expressed hope that "lessons" could be learned from conduct of case. Editorial comment September 13 generally avoided political aspects of case, urging instead revision of ponderous machinery of courts and regretting fact that crime still unsolved. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ultimate acquittal of "Matsukawa" defendants has been regarded as virtual certainty since prosecution evidence was ruled insufficient by Supreme Court in 1959. Despite wild assertions of left, decision essentially represents nothing more than inability of prosecution to make technically airtight case; perhaps more important point at present stage is that actual perpetrators of "Matsukawa" crime now unlikely ever to be punished. In immediate sense, ruling is feather in cap of organized left, which attributes acquittal to espousal of defendants' cause by mass movements. On balance, however, leftist "victory" may have hidden drawbacks. Popular sympathy is moderate at best for defendants, who, acquitted or not, tend in any case to be identified with extremism and violence, and are regarded by many as innocent only by technicality. Blatant, "class-warfare" propaganda campaign by JCP-JSP-Sohyo to distort motives and role of judiciary and law-enforcement agencies, and attempts to interfere by mob action with orderly process of law may serve to remind public of how extreme, dangerous, and unruly Left was in late 1940's, and how little they have changed in essentials. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Dissolution Mood

PriMin's completely innocuous statement month ago that newly-appointed parliamentary vice ministers would probably face general elections within 12-months (WEEKA 32, Item 3) let loose flood of speculation to effect Diet will be dissolved before end of this year. PriMin again commented on question September 7, this time even more innocuously, to effect he had no

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present intention of dissolving Diet, would be guided in decision by situation in Diet and public opinion at time. This somehow seems to have convinced observers and politicians alike that dissolution this year inevitable, and many now confident that it will take place around mid-November in latter part of extraordinary Diet session to be convened about middle of October. Both Socialist parties have declared their readiness, even eagerness, to accept challenge of dissolution and fight general elections campaign. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: There is still no burning issue in sight requiring Ikeda to seek new mandate from people, nor is there any legislative problem which of itself would justify knock-down-drag-out fight between LDP and opposition leading to dissolution. One thing on which most observers agree is that if Diet is to be dissolved this calendar year there must be a casus belli; politicians cannot simply go into huddle and agree to dissolve (though such dissolution-by-consent will be all right next spring!). Accordingly, if JSP refuses to provide needed justification by becoming obstreperous at extraordinary session, LDP will not be able to dissolve Diet after all. Opinions differ as to whether JSP really sincere in declaring readiness for general elections. If JSP's talk is just bravado, year may very well end without dissolution, despite current prevalence of "dissolution mood". (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Foreign Minister Returns from Europe

Foreign Minister OHIRA returned September 10 from 17-day official tour of five European countries -- Norway, Sweden, Denmark, UK and France. He was accompanied by his wife and Shinsaku HOGEN, Director of Foreign Office European Bureau. Itineraries in several countries were well-balanced between official discussions and representational functions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ohira's tour principally for goodwill and orientation purposes. Japanese media gave full and favorable publicity to tour which undoubtedly enhanced his status locally and broadened his experiences in foreign affairs. Ohira leaves again on September 15 for a five-day visit to US in connection with UNGA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Rightist Arrested for Threatening Takasaki and Takeyama

Seiichi INOKUCHI, 32-year old member of ultra-rightist Greater Japan Patriotic Party, was arrested September 12 for threats against LDP leaders Taksunosuke TAKASAKI and Yutaro TAKEYAMA in connection with trade mission to Peking scheduled depart September 14 (WEEKA 36, Item 1). In addition mailing .22 caliber rifle bullets to victims, Inokuchi - who arrested

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earlier this month for drunken foray against Takeyama residence with group of rightist cohorts wielding wooden swords - also suspected of having made series of threatening telephone calls on same subject. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident appears typical rightist reaction to LDP cooperation with ChiComs. Similar threats have been aimed at Takasaki since his initial ChiCom visit last fall, (WEEKA 46, Item 4, November 16, 1962). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY5. Japan to Increase Production of Defense Equipment

At September 2 meeting of Council for Domestic Production of Defense Equipment headed by Lower House member Naka FUNADA, Defense Agency Director General FUKUDA, Yoza KATO, JDA Administrative Vice-Minister, and other members of Lower House and representatives from weapons and aircraft industries discussed home production of defense equipment. During meeting it decided to increase mass production of new rifle (caliber 7.62 mm) developed by Howa Industry Company. JDA intends to procure 25,000 of these rifles by 1966; also agreed that since US will not deliver 225 M-41 tanks under MAP, JDA will begin using 61-type tank manufactured by Mitsubishi-Nippon Heavy Industries Company. JDA will procure six P2V anti-submarine patrol planes during period FY 1963 - 65 from Kawasaki Aircraft Company and will speed up test production of PX-5 (converted from US Navy's UF2) which being developed by New Meiwa Industry Company. In addition, plans under way to produce five-inch naval guns which no longer will be provided by US. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Meeting indicates current JDA thinking concerning procurement of equipment from US. Thinking appears to be that if Japan is to pay for equipment it should purchase from internal sources and thus shore up own defense industries. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. SDF Hold Annual Leaders Conference

Leaders of Japan Self Defense Force opened annual conference on September 12 at GSDF Staff School, Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo. Group was addressed for second year by Prime Minister. Discussion primarily concerned with steps to be taken to increase efficiency, raise morale and increase command ability. Those in attendance included Chiefs of Staff of GSDF, ASDF and MSDF, major subordinate commanders and senior civilian officials. Conference will be continued on September 13 and 14 in separate GSDF, ASDF and MSDF meetings. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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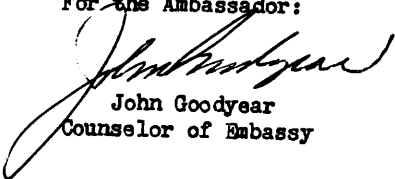
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7. JDA 1964 Budget Request (CORRECTION)

Dollar amounts incorrectly reported in WEEKA 36, Item 7. Corrects amounts as follows: total budget request -- \$754 million; GSDF -- \$298 million; MSDA -- \$175 million; ASDF -- \$256 million; miscellaneous -- \$25 million, including research item \$7.2 million; cost of 1% increase in active duty strength -- \$1.59 million. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Party Leaders Kick Off Pre-Election Campaign

Speeches by leaders of LDP, JSP, and DSP on September 18 were less significant for what they contained than for what they portended, namely beginning of political campaign looking toward general

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elections by end of year. IKEDA, speaking in Tokyo, did not come right out and say he was going to dissolve Diet in November, but he might as well have. JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI in Hokkaido and DSP's NISHIO in Kyoto gave more explicit indication of their readiness, even eagerness, for elections. Although concrete issue that might precipitate dissolution of Diet has yet to take shape, and although some important Party leaders continue insist upon casus belli, "dissolution mood" has become so strong there is apparently no stopping it (WEEKA 37, Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As is often case in Japan, "mood" likely be decisive, though there is no constitutional requirement for dissolution this year. With politicians of all stripes tooling up for campaign (opening headquarters, assembling funds, etc), cumulative investment of effort, prestige and money in early general elections becomes so great no one would dare sacrifice it. Major question now is how to bring about Diet dissolution. LDP faction leader Ichiro KONO favors dissolution by mutual consent; rival leader Eisaku SATO, who is not too keen on elections anyway (feeling they will consolidate Ikeda's position for third term), has argued for dissolution-with-cause. Statements by JSP leaders have shown preference for dissolution in context of confrontation over policy issue. Accordingly, what now seems most likely is that extraordinary Diet session will be convened latter part October, will spend week or ten days "normalizing" itself, will then go into session to deliberate pending measures such as ILO-87 ratification, Rivers Bill, violence control legislation, etc., will reach impasse over one or more of these measures, and will then be dissolved. Political observers are already thinking ahead to outcome of general elections which should be completed before Christmas. Current consensus appears to be that LDP may drop a few seats but not enough to hurt Ikeda's increasingly sure prospects of winning third term as LDP President at Party elections next July. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Soka Gakkai Delegation to Soviet Union September 25

Seikyo Shinbun, official organ of Soka Gakkai, announced September 12 that three-man Gakkai delegation will depart Tokyo September 25, for two-week inspection tour of Soviet Union at invitation of editorial board of Soviet Academy of Sciences' publication "Asia and Africa Today". Group will visit Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad, and Tiflis for purpose of "observing way of life of Soviet people"; apart from visits to Kremlin, Izvestia, Pravda, and Radio Moscow, itinerary devoted mainly to cultural attractions and tourist sights. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first Gakkai delegation to Soviet Union. Invitation apparently extended as part of energetic Soviet campaign to cultivate Soka Gakkai in recent months. Gakkai leadership has consistently sought to give impression that sect is being courted by both Soviet Union and United States, in addition to GOJ and major Japanese political parties; probably hopes this trip will

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strengthen reputation in that regard, and at same time counter Leftist charges of political partiality resulting from Gakkai endorsement of conservative candidate in Tokyo gubernatorial election this spring (WEEKA 14, Item 1). On other side, Soviets doubtless hope to exercise some degree of influence over sect's leaders before their political views congeal. Agreement on trip would not appear to reflect accommodation between sect and Soviets, but rather to be tactical exercise in which each side attempting to exploit the other. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Another Rightist Arrested for Threatening Takasaki

Confession of Seichi INOKUCHI, arrested September 11 (WEEKA 37, Item 4) for sending threatening letters to Tatsunosuke TAKASAKI, (LDP-member active in promotion of trade with Communist China) led to arrest on September 18 of Hiroyuki KAWAMOTO, 23, also member of ultra-rightist Greater Japan Patriotic Party, for making threatening telephone calls to Takasaki and Yutaro TAKEYAMA, member of trade delegation now in Communist China. According press account; pistol and cartridges also reportedly found in his room at Party headquarters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Greater Japan Patriotic Party is breeding ground for rightist thugs which produced assassins of Asanuma and Shimanaka incidents in 1960-61. Accordingly, police are alert for more serious trouble and are maintaining close security guard on likely victims. However, responsible police official stated to Emboff that current rightist activities in opposition Japan-ChiCom trade have earmarks of hired harassment campaign which unlikely to go beyond egg-throwing and window-smashing stage. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Japan Welcomes Malaysia

Prime Minister IKEDA sent message to Tunku Abdul RAHMAN September 16 extending felicitations upon formation Malaysia and expressing hope for friendly relations. He also attended Malaysian Embassy celebrations. Transportation Minister AYABE represented GOJ at Kuala Lumpur inauguration ceremonies. According to press, Ikeda told Foreign Correspondents Club September 19 that break in relations between Malaysia and Indonesia-Philippines unfortunate for Asia and that Japan should do its utmost promote amicable settlement. Recent acts of mob violence in Indonesia and Kuala Lumpur have been subject of keen interest in Japanese press and government circles. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ikeda will have opportunity discuss formation Malaysia and related developments during visit to SW Pacific countries scheduled begin September 23 (WEEKA 34, Item 3). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. PriMin Ikeda on GRC Mainland Recovery

Press quoted PriMin IKEDA as having told group of visiting Hearst newsmen on September 17 that he sees no hope for GRC recovery mainland. FonOff issued statement September 19 to effect Ikeda misquoted and was merely expressing hope that war would not break out. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Statement particularly indiscreet in view of already-tense vinylon plant situation (Item 6); however, Ikeda's true feelings are doubtless as originally "misquoted". (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. GRC Ambassador Recalled

GRC Ambassador CHANG Li-sheng ordered to return Taipei September 21 for indefinite period as protest against GOJ recent approval of sale of Vinylon plant to Communist China (WEEK 35, Item 3). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Some such move by GRC has been expected ever since GOJ approved sale. Embassy earlier heard speculation that Chang, who now beginning 5th year in Tokyo, would soon be due for routine return. Protest over vinylon plant may provide convenient occasion for his replacement. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. ROK Seizes Another Fishing Boat

ROK patrol craft pursued three Japanese fishing boats September 17, fired on another boat following day, and on September 19 fired on and captured one ship carrying fish back to Japan. FonOff requested Embassy convey to ROKG Japanese concern that such "wanton depredations" could result in breakdown normalization negotiations. Dep. DirGen HINO of Maritime Safety Agency has also requested through Nava that US use good offices to persuade ROK to stop using aircraft on Rhee Line patrols; stated MSA under pressure from Kyushu fishermen to use Japanese aircraft to counter ROK effort. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Such actions by ROK can only make more difficult position of those in GOJ favoring normalization relations with ROK in face of opposition from leftists and without backing of much popular sentiment. Unlikely that GOJ seriously considering use of aircraft on Rhee Line at this time, though possibility of future aerial patrols cannot be ruled out if situation deteriorates further and ROK persists in use of planes. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Favorable Reaction to UNGA Session

The 18th session of UNGA, at which ForMin OHIRA will give one of opening addresses, attracted favorable attention in Japanese press. Informed Japanese

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regard this session of GA with restrained expectancy that, against background of recent thaws in cold war, it will result in improved East-West relations and lessening of danger of war. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy's discussions with FonOff on GA issues indicate high degree of compatibility between US and Japanese positions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY9. Cabinet Approves Pay Raise

Self Defense Force personnel will participate in Government employees pay raise approved by Cabinet September 17, to be effective October 1. Average increase will be 6.7%. New pay tables now being prepared for submission to Finance Ministry. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Increase will be dependent on Diet approval and passage of supplementary budget. In view possibility of early dissolution of Diet at extraordinary session (Item 1) increase may not be obtained prior to 1964. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Appointment of Defense Attache Washington

G2, Ground Staff Office, confidentially states appointment of Colonel Hisatomo MATSUKANE to replace Colonel Toshikata MAI as next Ground Defense Attache, Washington, has been approved. Col. MATSUKANE will arrive Washington approximately April 1964. A 1940 graduate of Imperial Military Academy, Matsukane served in China during war and attended Artillery Course, Ft. Sill, 1954-55. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Professionally well qualified and personally cooperative, Colonel Matsukane should be an effective military attache. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

11. Submarine Fuyushio Completed

Launched December 14, 1962 at Kawasaki Dockyard, Kobe (1962 WEEKA 50, Item 6), 790 ton Fuyushio (SS 524) was completed and delivered to JMSDF in ceremony at Kobe September 17. Fuyushio is an anti-submarine warfare sub. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Fuyushio's completion brings JMSDF's submarine force to six. (UNCLASSIFIED)

12. JDA Changes Recruiting Program

The Japan Defense Agency this week announced changes in the recruiting program which were aimed at improving quality of enlisted volunteers and

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reducing funds wasted by first-year enlistees leaving service for better jobs outside. New recruiting system is a combination of existing year-round enlistment program and modification of earlier plan (WEEKA 27, Item 4) for periodic drives to be conducted regionally. JDA announced to press that resignations during the first year of service rose from 11.4% in 1958 to 24.8% in 1962. (UNCLASSIFIED)

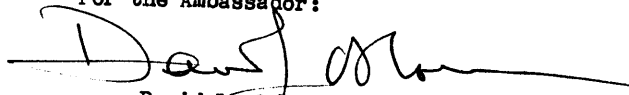
Comment: As evidenced by high drop-out rate, securing and retaining suitable volunteers is one of most serious problems faced by JSDF. Although many actions have been taken to increase benefits, prestige and morale of servicemen, no suitable solution to problem appears to be forthcoming. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PSYCHOLOGICAL13. Jiji Poll Shows Support for China Trade


Jiji regular monthly nationwide poll (Ref TOUSI 77), based on sample of 1250, of whom 961 actually responded, treated ChiCom trade for first time. Fifty-two per cent of respondents answered "favor trading with Chinese Communists"; four per cent replied "oppose"; thirteen per cent said "would favor or oppose...depending on specific case"; and thirty-one per cent DK. Twenty-nine per cent said "government should promote positively"; three per cent said "no need government promote positively"; twenty-three per cent said "should be carefully studied"; eight per cent said DK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Prime Minister IKEDA Visits SEA

Primin IKEDA departed September 23 for Manila on first step of goodwill visit which will take him on to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. In address to Foreign Correspondent's Club September 19, Ikeda said he would utilize visit to sound out governments concerned regarding desirability using GOJ good offices in mediating Malaysia dispute (Weeka 38, Item 4). Press reported that in Manila September 24 GOP spokesman announced Ikeda had proposed summit meeting of Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand to further cultural and economic relations among countries of western Pacific. September 25 Ikeda denied he had either mentioned or discussed subject. Ikeda proceeded to Djakarta September 26 and during brief airport speech praised Indonesia's independence struggle and Five Principles of Coexistence.

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said Japan resolved to help Indonesia economic reconstruction and emphasized necessity settle all international disputes on principle of mutual cooperation. Press reported Japanese Embassy in Djakarta declined speculate on possibility of Japan's mediating Malaysian dispute. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ regards stability SEA vital to Japan's continued economic growth and security, and initial press report of Ikeda's Manila proposal doubtless substantially accurate, Ikeda's principal purpose for proposed meeting probably being to channel Indonesia's energies in pro-Free World direction. Confusion in Manila may indicate lack of sufficient planning and consultation by Ikeda before undertaking such delicate task, auguring ill for this attempt by Japan to take initiative and exert leadership in Asian area. Domestic reaction to events has not been noticeably critical so far, and fumble (if such it was,) not likely to alter outlook for early elections or otherwise have major political repercussions. However, if fumble not retrieved, Ikeda's enemies in his own and opposition parties will be on lookout for ways to exploit affair. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. GOJ Silent on Criticism from GRC

After conferring with PriMin Ikeda September 22, Chief Cabinet Secretary KUROGANE referred to Ikeda's statements of previous week as reported in press (Weeka 38, Item 5), and said he would refrain from comment since any additional explanations might further inflame GRC. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Even staunch friends of GRC among conservative Japanese feel GRC has gone off deep end over vinylon plant deal. While they deplore Ikeda's lack of tact in reported remarks to Hearst men, they generally share his reported pessimism about GRC counterattack chances etc., and seem to be increasingly impatient with GRC touchiness on this score. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. GOJ Reports Communist Influence Increasing in Local Government

Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary KUSANO reported to conference of vice-ministers held September 26 that number of JCP members and sympathizers in local autonomies is showing steady increase, with over 5,000 communists now employed in local government throughout Japan. Also noted that "Akahata" subscriptions increasing in local government agencies, and that JCP elected representatives in local assemblies now total 1,244 as compared 965 last April. Vice ministers announced decision to study problem further at subsequent meeting. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment. JCP has been engaged in intensive drive to strengthen position in local government since late 1961; this report would indicate that some advances have been made. Another official source reports that "most" commun-

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ists in local government are in white collar jobs. Figures seem somewhat less alarming, however, when it noted that 5,000 is less than 1% of all local government workers, and 1,244 is under 3% of elected local officials. Announcement was probably made at this time with eye to increasing police and security agencies' share of 1964 budget, now under preparation. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. North Pacific Fishery Convention

Progress has been slow in Tokyo meeting of Parties to Fishery Convention of North Pacific which opened September 16.

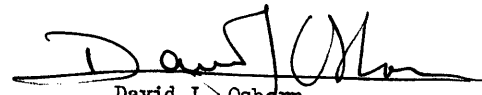
However, negotiations entered new stage on September 25 when U.S. proposed revision of Japanese draft convention submitted in Washington meeting last June. Principal revision consisted of protocol which retains substance of "principle of abstention," but changes language to form thought to be more acceptable to Japanese. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This U.S. draft now satisfies some earlier objections of Japanese to treaty of 1953 (drafted during "Occupation Era"), but whether Japanese will prove willing to accept substance of abstention in new treaty is not yet clear. Negotiations are expected to continue until at least middle of next week by which time Japanese and Canadian attitude toward U.S. proposal should be clear. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Prime Minister Ikeda's SEA Trip

Following Manila visit (Weeka 39 Item 1), Primin IKEDA visited Djakarta Sept. 26-29, Canberra and Melbourne Sept. 29-Oct. 3 and will visit New Zealand Oct. 3-6. Tour well covered in press. Some criticism of Ikeda's attempt to "mediate" Malaysia dispute has appeared, with Yomiuri and Mainichi both doubting wisdom of Ikeda's attempt in view of nationalistic sentiment in area and possible resentment Japanese assumption of leadership. Mainichi criticized Ikeda for not consulting more closely with Malaysia and commended MENZIES' more cautious approach. Paper also thought five nation summit proposal (denied by Ikeda) showed lack of consideration for views of other Asian countries from India to Taiwan and concluded Ikeda had been overly hasty. DSP Chairman NISHIO October 3 said tour was a complete failure and described Ikeda's efforts at mediation "imprudent". (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Despite some adverse press comments and expected criticism from Prime Minister's political opponents, press has generally conveyed image of successful tour. Ikeda credited with working hard to further Japanese economic interests and Japan's stature as active member of international community (despite failures on specific projects), which should stand him in good stead for elections. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Party Reformists Really Mean to Dissolve Factions?

LDP Organization Survey Committee (chaired by faction leader Takeo MIKI), now putting finishing touches on report embodying recommendations for Party modernization to be submitted to Party President Hayato IKEDA later this month, is reported to have decided October 3 to include in report a call for abolition not only of factions but of "all groups that have in past carried on factional activity". It had been common assumption of politicians and observers that Miki Committee's recommendations, so far as factions concerned, would mean at most some added restrictions on factional excesses, but would leave essence of factional structure intact. Report of Committee decision accordingly something of bombshell (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Seems most likely Committee action will be toned way down, if not by redrafting recommendation before it reaches Ikeda, then in actual implementation. Timing of Committee's report, month or so before expected general elections, plus fact LDP has made "Party Modernization" one of its top campaign slogans, creates impression that talk of factional abolition and other reforms is merely election propaganda; however, party reformers are hopeful that all the talk about modernization, even if less than sincere, will build up momentum for some actual reforms after elections are out of way. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. JSP Gets Set for Elections

JSP Central Committee met September 29 to endorse first list of 123 Lower House candidates and to approve Party executives' reports designed to arouse enthusiasm for election campaign. Leaders indicated that JSP would concentrate electioneering slogans and speeches on "high prices" and, in foreign affairs field, on "blocking" entry of nuclear subs and opposing Japan-ROK talks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Choice of targets in foreign policy field clearly shows that JSP is very hard put to find any appealing and pressing issues on which to wage campaign. Charge of higher prices may find greater response, but LDP is not too vulnerable on this issue because it can point to even bigger rise in wages. While list of candidates is only first in series, already apparent that number will fall far below target of 250; likely that JSP will eventually field around 200 candidates (compared with 186 in the 1960 Lower House elections). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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4. ROK-Japan Relations

ROK patrol boat rammed Japanese fishing boat Daiki Maru Sept. 28 but was unable to take it under tow. Japanese patrol boat brought back Daiki Maru and crewmen, who jumped overboard to escape capture. Crewman claimed Koreans had pilfered belongings. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident followed ForMin OHIRA's Sept. 27 protest to Korean Ambassador PAE over earlier captures. (Three since Sept. 19). (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY5. New Defense Attaches Assigned

Pending departures from Tokyo for newly assigned Defense Attaches are as follows:

Colonel Shintaro IKEDA, 7 Oct., replacing Capt. INOUE (MSDF), Ankara; Lt. Col. Yasushi KONDO, 17 Oct., New Attache post, Taiwan; Lt. Col. Hiromi NOBORU, 20 Oct., replacing Col Miyoshi, Moscow; Lt. Col. Chikara SAKAMOTO, 7 Nov., replacing Col. ITO, Bangkok. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Attache-designates appear favorably oriented to U. S., are all professionally competent, socially adaptable and should prove effective Attaches. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Ground Self Defense Force Conference

As follow-on to Self Defense Force Commanders' Conference 12-14 September (WEEKA No. 37), GSDF held conference 30 September - 4 October for all army, division, separate unit, school and depot Chiefs of Staff. Principal subjects were recruiting problems, officer training, FY64 requested budget and accident prevention.

By unfortunate coincidence, on 1 October, date of accident prevention presentation, 1 GSDF soldier killed, 6 others injured in 2 separate vehicle accidents. Police charged that both military drivers, one of whom was killed, were reckless. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

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15	11	3	Formal Cabinet decision taken October 8 to convene extraordinary session October 15, three days earlier than had previously been indicated informally. Diet Steering Committee now considering procedural matters such as scheduling of opening ceremonies (probably October 17), policy addresses by PrMin and Cabinet officers, interpellation session. (UNCLASSIFIED)		
HEW	NSC		Comment: Advance in date has stimulated speculation about possibility of Diet dissolution at outset of session, rather than waiting until some legislation has been passed and Socialist "obstructionism" has provided LDP with justification for dissolution. Waiting for clear-cut justification would be desirable in some respects, but perhaps risky, in that Socialists might fail provide <u>casus belli</u> at psychological moment, in time permit general elections by December 1 at latest. With "dissolution mood" working		
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for him, Ikeda is in strong position, so long as he does not sacrifice initiative. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Malaysian "Blood Debt"

Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU, originally scheduled leave for Kuala Lumpur Oct. 11, now plans leave following week to negotiate settlement for "blood debt". Meantime, FonMin OHIRA plans confer with FinMin TANAKA and make recommendations regarding Japanese position to PriMin IKEDA, who will then make decision in context emerging Japanese policy toward SEA, influenced by Ikeda's recent SEA trip. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Negotiations can now take place in calmer atmosphere than would have been possible a few weeks ago since location of talks changed from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur. GOJ somewhat concerned that concessions on "blood debt" might serve to stimulate similar demands on Japan from other countries. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Chinese Communist "Interpreter" Defects

CHOU Hung-ching, described as interpreter for Chicom oil hydraulics group visiting Japan, entered Soviet Embassy early morning Oct. 7. He was released to Japanese police early October 8 and placed under arrest on technical charge of overstaying visa. Japanese authorities still investigating case. Press has reported Chou ^{desired} go to Taiwan, and Chinese Embassy has offered to take him. FonOff told Embassy officer preliminary questioning by police indicates Chou has not yet made up his mind, and that there are indications he may wish remain in Japan. FonOff told us that in any case he would not be returned to Communist China against his will. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

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4. JMSDF Launches First Missile-Armed Destroyer

Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) launched its first missile-armed destroyer, Amatsukaze, at Mitsubishi's Nagasaki Shipyard, October 5. Amatsukaze, JMSDF's largest destroyer with displacement of 3,050 tons and armed with surface-to-air TARTAR missiles, is expected to be completed February 1965. Amatsukaze is Japan's 19th destroyer. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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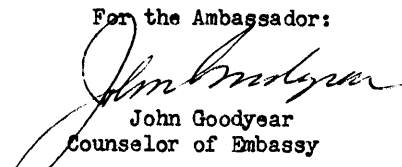
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5. Major General Akechi Dies

Major General Isamu AKECHI, Chief, Aviation Section, GSO, died of cerebral hemorrhage October 9. In addition to his widow and four daughters, ages 24 through 18, General Akechi is survived by his brother, Major General Tsutomu Akechi, Deputy Director for Guided Missiles, Technical Research Headquarters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Posthumous promotion to Lt. General, published in orders October 9, testifies to esteem in which Akechi was held by his superiors. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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 8. International Sports Week Provides Dress Rehearsal for 1964 Olympics

POLITICAL

1. Diet Opens

Forty-fourth (extraordinary) session of Diet convened October 15 and formally opened October 17 in presence of Emperor. Policy speeches by PriMin, FonMin, and Finance Minister to take place today, interpellations to be held October 21 and 23. PriMin, at October 16 press conference, declared intention of dissolving Diet at this session, hinting broadly that dissolution would come by 23rd. Cabinet expected today to sign enabling document for dissolution, permitting IKEDA to dissolve whenever he chooses. Accordingly, although ILO-87 ratification and related domestic law revision bills were submitted to Lower House yesterday, together with supplementary budget bills and other priority legislation, few expect any action on them at this session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: With dissolution momentum built up, LDP increasingly reluctant to allow session to proceed to consideration of budget and other bills, possibly giving JSP chance to stretch out proceedings, pull rug out from under Ikeda. Dissolution may come on either of two interpellation days; October 23 has been mentioned most frequently, but 21st would allow LDP more latitude in timing of elections. Even if by some fluke session goes into committee deliberations, chances of ILO package getting to floor this year are virtually nil. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Party Reform.

Party reform committee of Takeo MIKI (Chairman of LDP Policy Board) submitted its recommendations to LDP President Ikeda on October 17. Main reform proposed is that of abolition of factions (Weeks 40, Item 2). Dominant reaction of political observers is skepticism, though LDP SecGen and Ikeda faction strategist Shigesaburo MAEO immediately announced readiness dissolve both Ikeda organizations in order set good example for rest of factions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Skepticism is probably justified; release of recommendations just before elections means they will be used in LDP campaign propaganda, casts doubt on sincerity of intentions being expressed by faction leaders. In any case, career politician factions of Bamboku ONO, Ichiro KONO, Shojiro KAWASHIMA have been noticeably lukewarm toward abolition in initial reactions. Nevertheless, reform proposals cannot be entirely discounted; public pledges by faction leaders to cooperate in reform program, even if intended as mere campaign oratory, will strengthen hand of reformists within LDP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. GOJ Welcomes ROK Election Results.

In unofficial statement to press, FonMin OHIRA hailed ROK election as first step toward new political order and praised winner PAK Chong-hui as man of integrity dedicated to independence and development of Korea. Ohira pledged efforts in support of normalization relations. JSP spokesman said narrow margin indicated public distrust of Pak regime, predicted chaos in Korea, and advocated breaking off normalization talks. FonOff has told Embassy confidentially that close margin of Pak's victory and possibility government minority in National Assembly to be elected next month may make it difficult for ROKG to meet GOJ position on 12-mile line, the crucial point in normalization negotiations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese observers, like others, surprised at narrow margin Pak's victory. FonOff appears to have realistic appreciation of difficulties ahead in normalization negotiations but doubtless pleased they do not have to start all over again with new administration. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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From TOKYO4. ChiCom Defector.

ChiCom defector CHOU Hung-ching (Weeks 41, Item 3) during past week was interrogated by police, public prosecutor and immigration authorities; also saw lawyers recommended by Chinese Embassy and by Japan-China Friendship Association. He has indicated he may wish to stay in Japan in hopes of getting his family out of Communist China. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Chou's decision, when officially made, will be considered by Tokyo Immigration Office which will then recommend to Immigration Bureau what action GOJ should take. Immigration Bureau action subject to approval of Justice Minister. If Chou requests permission remain Japan, GOJ will have to decide whether grant request or deport him (as permitted by law) to last port before entering Japan, in this case Hong Kong. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. ISHIBASHI Returns from Peiping Trade Fair.

Former PriMin Tanzan ISHIBASHI returned Tokyo October 15 from visit to Peiping as President, Japan Industrial Fair. At airport press conference Ishibashi said that CHOU En-lai had proposed holding conference of heads of state of Japan, U.S., USSR, and ComChina in effort improve mutual relations. Ishibashi also gave Ikeda mild praise by stating his Cabinet was "forward-looking." Chou said he expected Japan-Chinese relations to improve considerably if there was no drastic change in Ikeda Cabinet policy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ishibashi has reportedly informed PriMin Ikeda of his conversations with Chou En-lai, but he is unlikely to influence any change in GOJ policy toward ComChina. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Supreme Court Upholds "Shiratori" Conviction.

Supreme Court on October 17 rendered decision supporting conviction and sentencing by lower court of two Communist defendants in 11-year old "Shiratori" murder case. Kuniharu MURAKAMI, ex-chairman of JCP Sapporo chapter, and Hiromitsu MURATE, former Hokkaido University student, had been sentenced to 20 years' and three years' imprisonment, respectively, for complicity in 1952 murder of Sapporo police inspector Kazuo SHIRATORI. Supported by JCP and left-wing front groups, defense has carried on extended series of appeals based on claims of insufficient evidence. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Case is sequel, in slightly lower key, to "Matsukawa" trial, which ended with acquittal of Communist defendants on September 12 (Weeks 37, Item 1). In "Shiratori," though, evidence against defendants much more conclusive, and there little public sympathy for them and only limited interest in case. Defense has announced intention to petition for retrial, and left-wing elements are expected to step up protest activities over next few days. Supreme Court decision, however, likely marks end of case as public issue. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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a) British Minister of State at the Board of Trade, Allen Green, arrived October 15 for nine-day visit. Purpose: trade liberalization.

b) Six members of French Senate, led by the Chairman of the Cultural Committee, Luis Gros, arrived October 16 for eight-day visit. Purpose: general exchange of views with GOJ officials.

c) Dahomey President MAGA and party arrived Tokyo October 14 (after spending two prior days in Osaka) for a four-day goodwill visit which included meeting Emperor and inspecting industrial and agricultural activities. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

PSYCHOLOGICAL8. International Sports Week Provides Dress Rehearsal for 1964 Olympics.

Six-day Tokyo International Sports Week, in which athletes from 37 nations participated, was concluded October 17. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comments: Event was successful financially, and useful as trial run for the 1964 Olympics. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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None.

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John Goodyear
Counselor of Embassy

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AirAtt:LtColRHGrubb
ArmAtt:MajLRHillman
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6. Seventh Fleet Flagship Visits Tokyo.

POLITICAL

1. Diet Dissolved

PrMin Hayato IKEDA dissolved Diet October 23 as soon as last of "representative interpellations" (that of DSP Chairman Suehiro NISHIO) out of way. Cabinet decided on same day to issue proclamation of general elections on October 31, with election day November 21. For practical purposes, all parties have already begun campaign, publishing platforms, sending leaders all over nation on stumping tours, collecting funds (Federation of Economic Organizations is reportedly holding its contributions to LDP to one billion yen), etc. Informed opinion still sees LDP as likely at least to hold its own (i.e. with more than present 286 seats). Despite competition between faction leaders Eisaku SATO and Ichiro KONO to see who can run most new candidates, LDP overall will apparently have fewer candidates than in 1960, with presumably less vote-splitting, while

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JSP is running more candidates than ⁱⁿ 1960 (See WEEKA 40 Item 3); combined effect these trends will favor LDP, which normally has difficulty holding its candidates to reasonable number. Required post-election special session of Diet will probably be convened first week in December and, after performing required routine of reconstituting Lower House, electing its officers and committee chairmen and formally electing Prime Minister, will try to pass as much as possible of legislative backlog (which of course failed of enactment at this curtailed session) before adjournment December 20-24 or so. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This dissolution was product of "mood", rather than policy clash between LDP and JSP; general elections seem likely to measure, not popular response to party platforms or feeling on great issues (prices, the thoroughly chewed-over issue of Japan-ROK talks, entry of nuclear submarines, etc.), but simply the precise degree of popular support that various imperfectly-understood social and economic forces at work in Japan have somehow produced for candidates in each of the competing parties. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Kim Chong-p'il Transits Tokyo

Former ROK CIA Chief KIM Chong-p'il arrived Tokyo early Oct. 22 and left for Seoul morning Oct. 23. He was met at airport by FonOff NEA Section Chief MAEDA, but saw no other GOJ officials or political leaders. He also avoided press. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Kim had arranged appointments with some political leaders but, presumably on instructions from Seoul to avoid appearance of close collaboration with Japanese politicians at this time, communicated with them only through intermediaries. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Chinese Defector May Return to Mainland

Chinese defector Chou Hung-ching (Weeka 42 Item 4) informed Japan-China Friendship Association (ChiCom front organization) lawyer Oct. 24 that he wished to return to Communist China, that he was drunk when he originally defected and that he was sorry for trouble he had caused. FonOff official informed us that GOJ embarrassed by Chou's erratic behavior, and return to Communist China most embarrassing to GOJ of all possible choices; he said Chou might have yet another change of mind. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Chou's decision may be attributable to his belated realization, played up by pro-ChiCom lawyers, that he could not bring family out of ComChina, and assurances from Peiping, passed through prominent Japanese politicians, that no retaliatory action would be taken if he returns. If Chou does choose

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Red China, it may adversely affect GOJ's already strained relations with GRC; however, Chinese Embassy officer met with Chou several times, and could presumably confirm to GRC whether final choice was free. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Foreign Visitors

Foreign Office announced on October 21 that King and Queen of Belgium will visit Japan officially January 20-25, 1964. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

5. Soviet and ChiCom Film Festivals Held in Tokyo

Soviet Union and Communist China held film festivals in Tokyo past week. ChiCom festival is annual event arranged as part of "Japan-China Friendship Month" sponsored by Japan-China Friendship Association (JCFA). ChiCom Film Festival presented two ideological feature films, "Spreading Prairie Fire" and "Liu's Third Daughter". After eight showings at public halls in Tokyo, festival will be taken to Osaka, Fukuoka and Sapporo. Admission limited to members of JCFA.

SovEmb-sponsored Soviet Film Festival, held at Yomiuri Hall, featured three full length films: "An Optimistic Tragedy", "You Are No Orphan", and "The Daughters". Propaganda message in these films, though heavy-handed by Western standards, is woven more skillfully into story line than in ChiCom films. USSR brought actresses and directors to Japan for festival, and was able to stimulate press and TV interest. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Timing of both festivals for same week appears to have been coincidence. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

6. Seventh Fleet Flagship Visits Tokyo

Seventh Fleet Flagship, Cruiser USS Providence, visited Tokyo October 19-22, first such visit in 13 years. Commander Seventh Fleet, VADM T. H. Moorer, and ship's company carried out extensive people-to-people program. VADM Moorer was granted audience with Emperor and called on ForMin, DirGen JDA, and other officials. Despite bad weather on first day of call, more than 15,000 visited Providence during general visiting over weekend. Press, magazine, radio and TV

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coverage were extensive, including NHK-TV 20 minute documentary on Seventh Fleet, broadcast nationwide. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit went smoothly, without negative incident. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Party Chiefs Kick Off Election Campaign
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3. "Blood Debt" Negotiations Stymied
4. Fence Mending Mission To GRC
5. Nationwide Shipping Strike Averted
6. Public Opinion Poll Results Announced By Kyodo
7. Defense Official To Visit Europe And India
8. Report Of Transfer Of JDA Liaison Counselor
9. Japanese Officers Depart For Antarctic Orientation
10. 13th Anniversary Of Self Defense Forces

POLITICAL

1. Party Chiefs Kick Off Election Campaign

With issuance proclamation October 31 scheduling general election for November 21 (Weeka 43, Item 1), leaders of three major parties opened election campaign with speeches in Tokyo same day. In response opposition attack on his economic policy, notably "failure" of income-doubling plan and rising consumer prices, Prime Minister IKEDA cited Japan's overall prosperity and phenomenal economic growth; also promised ¥200 billion tax cut, including ¥60 billion for small - medium enterprises during next fiscal year, and vowed to stabilize consumer prices within 18 months. In foreign policy

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field, PriMin cited "three pillars" concept (which he noted had first been applied to Japan by Premier KHRUSHCHEV) as evidence Japan's position of trust and respect in world affairs. JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI, in addition attacking economic policies, ran down usual list of Socialist slogans, including opposition to SSN port calls and constitutional revision. Said only neutrality can save Japan from nuclear war. DSP Chairman NISHIO also emphasized Ikeda economic "failures," and asked electorate for 40 Lower House seats for DSP, which, he says, would be sufficient force to influence normalization of Diet proceedings. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment. These speeches likely to set overall tone of election campaign; predominance of dog-eared slogans and arguments underscores absence of really pressing issues. Only some 900 candidates expected to register, marking first postwar election in which "competition rate" (ratio of candidates to available seats) has fallen below 2.0. Little popular interest in election apparent thus far. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Sato Attacks Ikeda's Economic Policies

LDP faction leader Eisaku SATO told press conference October 26 that JSP charges that PriMin Ikeda's "double the income" economic policies had benefitted only large enterprises and invited price rises were not entirely without foundation. He also stated that question of outcome general elections was "entirely separate" from issue of third term for Ikeda. In press conference on October 29, Sato renewed criticism of Ikeda's economic policies, which he called "unrealistic and lacking in seriousness." Following meeting with PriMin on October 30, Sato blandly told press that he thought it best to end controversy and that there were no disagreements between him and Ikeda over subject matter of his earlier statements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato statements undoubtedly made with eye to outcome of general elections and especially to LDP presidency election in summer 1964. Sato probably wished to place himself in favorable position to capitalize on any failures Ikeda might encounter with regard to elections, in order boost own candidacy for presidency. While LDP "unity" not too badly hurt by Sato's charges, JSP has already used them in support own position that Ikeda's economic program has been failure. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. "Blood Debt" Negotiations Stymied

Asian Bureau Director Torao USHIROKU who left Tokyo October 20 for Kuala Lumpur to discuss settlement of "Blood Debt" consisting of \$16,700,000 demanded by Singapore Chinese and \$36,700,000 by Malayan Chinese, has still been unable reach agreement with GOM and on October 30 asked for further instructions from FonOff. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ anxious settle this problem not only because of desire maintain valuable Japanese commercial and economic interests in Malaysia but also to remove obstacle inhibiting GOJ diplomatic efforts to reduce Indonesian-

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Malaysian tension. On other hand, amount GOJ willing to pay is conditioned (among other factors) by GOJ estimate that other areas with overseas Chinese populations might also suddenly levy similar demands. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Fence Mending Mission To GRC

LDP Vice President Bamboku OHNO, LDP Foreign Policy Committee Chairman Naka FUNADA, Deputy Vice Foreign Minister Takio ODA and assistants left Tokyo October 30 for Taipei to congratulate CHIANG Kai-shek on 76th birthday and attempt obtain GRC understanding GOJ policy toward Mainland China. GRC fears that GOJ might be moving in direction of political relationship with CPR which were aroused by vinylon plant sale have been strengthened by Japanese UN delegate's speech on Chinese representation question into which GRC has read "two Chinas" implications, and by GOJ handling of ChiCom defector CHOU Hung-ching who now apparently has elected return to Mainland. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Although Ohno may assure President Chiang that GOJ will maintain anti-Communist posture and will not enter into political arrangements with Mainland, he and Funada are well-known supporters of GRC, and GRC may have doubts of ability these representatives arrest trend which GRC fears. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Nationwide Shipping Strike Averted

Last-minute acceptance by Japanese ship operators of union wage demands prevented strike action which would have tied up Japan's 227 coastal and international carriers as of 1200, October 31. The Japan Seamen's Union had served notice on October 29 that it would strike unless its wage demands (which expected to cost industry some ¥5 billion per year) were fully met. Existing contract was due to expire on November 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

6. Public Opinion Poll Results Announced By Kyodo

Kyodo News Service released results of survey on political and international questions which had been administered to nationwide random sample of 3000 adults, with 81% of interviews completed. On question of U.S.-Japan relations 21.9% said "continue cooperation with United States"; 36.7% said "establish independent diplomacy"; other replies, 2.8%, and "don't know" 38.6%. On question of Sino-Japanese relations, 25.1% said, "Should promote positively closer contacts"; 23.5% said, "Should promote friendly relations within limits of economic (i.e., non-political) contacts"; and 12.6% said, "better to maintain present situation." 2.2% said, "no need to get closer." "Don't know" replies accounted for 35.2%. On subject of partial test-ban treaty "between U.S. and Soviet," 18% expressed satisfaction; 14.5% said "not satisfied but cannot help it at this time"; 31.9% approved as "step towards total test-ban." On question of SSN port entry, 22.9% said "should oppose outright," while 19% said "would approve conditionally" and 13.7% said "resigned to its coming";

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15.8% said "needs further study."

On the question of political parties, 46.4% supported LDP; 24.3% supported JSP; 3.4% supported DSP, and 0.6% supported JCP. Asked whether they would want Ikeda Cabinet to continue after the election or preferred a different administration, 34.6% said "continue"; 40.1% said "changeover"; and 25.3% said "don't know". (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kyodo News Service polls are at best semi-professional in methodology and construction. The importance of this poll is that it was widely circulated in Japan, and may, in fact, tend to lead public opinion more than it reflects it. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY7. Defense Official to Visit Europe and India

Hisao OBATA, Chief, Personnel Bureau, JDA, accompanied by Tsutomu NISHIMURA and Colonel Masahiro MIZUGUCHI, both from the National Defense College, will visit Europe and India November 2 - December 2, primarily to obtain information on military education and recruiting procedures. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Revision of curriculum of Japan Defense Academy has been under consideration for the past year. Also, difficulty in securing adequate numbers of qualified recruits is one of the most serious problems of Japan Defense Forces (Weeks 38, Item 12). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Report of Transfer of JDA Liaison Counselor

Jiro INAGAWA, JDA Counselor for Foreign Liaison, reportedly anticipates decision in near future assigning him to Honolulu as Consul General replacing Kenzo YOSHIDA, who will complete two years on station November 1963. It rumored Yoshida will be transferred to London. Current difficulty in finding Foreign Service Officer with suitable experience to replace Inagawa is delaying decision on transfer. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Although his frankness sometimes borders on bluntness, Inagawa should prove competent and cooperative as Consul General in Honolulu. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

9. Japanese Officers Depart for Antarctic Orientation

Two Maritime Self Defense Force (MSDF) officers and one Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) officer departed Tokyo October 29 for Christchurch, New Zealand, where they will board U.S. Navy icebreaker participating in DEEP-FREEZE '64, returning to Japan December 26. Orientation cruise was requested

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by GOJ in order to provide the three officers with insight into USN Antarctic icebreaker operations in anticipation of building MSDF icebreaker for support of proposed resumption Japanese Antarctic activity 1965. (UNCLASSIFIED)

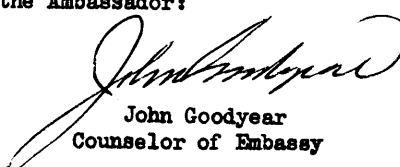
Comment: In view friction in past between scientists and MSA members on previous Antarctic expeditions, Japanese admiration of efficiency of joint military-civilian scientific cooperation in U.S. Antarctic Project has led GOJ to designate MSDF as supporting force for resumed Japanese activity. Planned MSDF icebreaker, still on drawing board, lacks funds for construction, and may not be ready to meet target date. (CONFIDENTIAL)


10. 13th Anniversary Of Self Defense Forces

Japan Defense Agency celebrated 13th Anniversary October 27, with parade in Tokyo. More than 4500 troops representing Ground, Maritime and Air Self Defense Forces marched through rain to be reviewed by PriMin Ikeda and Defense Director FUKUDA. Impressive display included infantry units, automatic weapons, portable bridges, heavy weapons, tanks and NIKE missiles. For second year in row rain precluded fly-by of jet fighters. Principal address delivered by PriMin Ikeda stressed Japan's economic progress and growing importance as democratic nation. He noted that possibility of international conflict still exists despite signing of partial test-ban, and stressed importance of development of solid defense forces built around modern equipment. Spectators estimated 20,000 at site of review, with more along line of march. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Parade, given good coverage by press/TV, served to strengthen public image of defense capability. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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 2. Relations with GRC Hit New Bow
 3. GOJ Ready to Recognize New Vietnam Regime
 4. Reactor Shutdown at Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI)
 5. New Effort to Normalize ROK-GOJ Relations
 6. "Blood Debt" Issue Unresolved
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 8. Foreign Office Appointments
 9. Tokyo International Book Exhibition Opens
 10. JMSDF Intelligence Chief on Trip to U.S.

POLITICAL1. "Assassination Attempt" Against Primin IKEDA

Knife-wielding rightist Takao ISHIMOTO, 24-year old member of Bin AKAO's Greater Japan Patriotic Party (Weeka 38, Item 3), was arrested November 5 for "assassination attempt" against Primin Ikeda at campaign speech-meeting in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture. According press, incident began when Ishimoto was blocked by Ikeda aide while attempting pass threatening note to Ikeda as Primin stepped down from sound truck at conclusion his address. Reports agree Ishimoto then drew 25-cm knife from pocket, but vary widely on other details. According some, he tried to stab Ikeda from distance of 1 - 2 meters, but was blocked by security guards;

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others say he was restrained while approaching PriMin with knife in hand; least sensational version is that Ishimoto was merely brandishing knife in vicinity of PriMin and was set upon by guards immediately upon drawing weapon. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Latter versions seem more likely; Ikeda was unruffled, told press at next speaking stop he was unaware of details of incident outside fact that rightist had been arrested near him in Koriyama crowd. Vague, eccentric wording of note (which reportedly did not mention China trade policy or other current issues of substance) suggests Ishimoto probably unbalanced, and conduct in arrest indicates he distinctly more interested in publicity than martyrdom. He now denies any intent to harm PriMin Ikeda; claims he carried knife to kill self in event PriMin refused to accept note. Most observers agree it doubtful Ikeda's life was actually in danger. Authorities now concerned that prominent media play on incident may touch off similar stunts by other headline-seekers. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Relations with GRC Hit New Low

Upon return to Tokyo from fence-mending mission to Taipei (Week 44, Item 4), LDP Vice President OHNO told press that exchange of views with GRC officials had been frank and friendly, and that Generalissimo CHIANG had not criticized Japan. He reportedly told PriMin Ikeda November 2 that GRC extremely irritated at Japan for vinylon plant export and GOJ handling CHOU Hung-ching defector case, and recommended that either Ikeda or FonMin OHIRA visit Taipei after elections to "promote friendly relations." Ikeda said November 4 he would be willing visit Taiwan "if occasion arises."

Deputy Vice FonMin ODA, who accompanied Ohno to Taipei, told Ambassador he is convinced that GRC will break relations with GOJ if Chou returns to Mainland. Ambassador KIMURA arrived Tokyo November 5 for consultations.

Chou defector case has now replaced vinylon export deal as most explosive issue. Chou started hunger strike November 1 to press for release from custody immigration authorities and departure for Communist China, at one time tentatively scheduled for October 30 but postponed by GOJ. On November 2, about 60 members of pro-Communist Overseas Chinese Residents Association forced their way into immigration building and staged sit-down strike to support Chou's demands. On November 4, Chou's lawyers supplied by pro-Communist Japan China Friendship Association filed suit for Chou's release from immigration custody, and court scheduled hearing for November 8. Cabinet November 6 approved plan calling for Chou's November 7th transfer to Red Cross hospital for treatment with Red Cross as guarantor. Transfer removes case from court, which might have ordered Chou's immediate release and permitted return to Mainland. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ hopes that by delaying Chou's return, tension with GRC will abate and, perhaps, Chou might change his mind again. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO3. GOJ Ready to Recognize New Vietnam Regime

Press reported that Vice Prime Minister SHIMA told Prime Minister Ikeda November 2 that he believes new Vietnamese regime supported by people and that coup would not affect war against Viet Cong. Ikeda said November 4 that Japan would recognize new regime if it declared support UN Charter and respects will of people. Press gave wide, generally favorable, coverage to coup. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Government and press have taken cautious attitude toward new government, with prevalent view it will be more responsive to desires of people than Diem regime, but has yet to prove stability and ability wage successful war. Generally believed U.S. was involved in coup planning. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Reactor Shutdown at Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI)

U.S. General Electric Company October 29 ordered shutdown Japan Power Development Reactor (JPDR) which it constructing for JAERI at Tokai-mura. G.E. informed JAERI management that not safe to operate reactor (which produced first electric power October 26) in situation where Japanese operating and supervisory personnel could walk off job without adequate prior notice. G.E. action taken with background of long-standing labor-management difficulties at JAERI, where 1,400-member union (including operating and supervisory personnel) has taken position on right to strike without prearranged notice period, in addition demands for more pay, shorter working hours. Pending satisfactory resolution labor problem, management on November 4 shut down all other reactors and critical experiments at JAERI. Press gave prominent coverage and carried editorials re dispute, including allegation that G.E. had "ulterior purpose" of seeking improved bargaining position re penalty payments for late delivery of plant, but also criticized both union and JAERI management.

Labor Ministry officials inform us they expect settlement may not be difficult to reach and negotiations are continuing. G.E. reports that JAERI Director agrees in principle on all areas of concern to G.E. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Impact of shutdown heightened since it followed so closely after JPDR produced first electric power marking milestone in nuclear energy development in Japan. Union has failed receive substantial support for its position in dispute. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. New Effort to Normalize ROK-GOJ Relations

Korean Special Envoy CHOI Gyu-ha arrived Tokyo November 3 to sound out GOJ for early agreement on outstanding issues in normalization talks, most important of which is fisheries question. Principal points in fisheries negotiations concern conservation measures (such as tonnage limitations and methods license fishing craft), delineation of fishing zones (including method drawing

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base lines), and ROK desire for more economic aid in form "fisheries cooperation." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Choi seemed eager reach substantial settlement in early December before inauguration new Korean Government. To accomplish this, ROKG would have to move rapidly toward Japanese position which insisting on 12-mile line and inclusion "fisheries cooperation" costs in financial settlement amounts already agreed upon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. "Blood Debt" Issue Unresolved

Asian Bureau Director Tarao USHIROKU returned to Tokyo November 3 from Kuala Lumpur after failing to reach agreement with Malaysian Government on settlement of Malaysian "Blood Debt" claims (Week 44, Item 3). Deputy Vice FonMin Oda told Ambassador he doubted that settlement could be reached before Malaysian election next year. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

7. German President's Visit

President LUEBKE, accompanied by wife and staff including FonMin SCHROEDER, arrived Tokyo November 6 for 12-day state visit. First four days consist largely of formalities in Tokyo, while latter part of visit principally sightseeing in Kyoto, Osaka and Kyushu. Luebke greeted by Emperor on arrival. Visit featured in press which drew attention to close German-Japanese ties, and pointed out that this is first visit to Japan by European head of state.

At Schroeder-Ohira talks November 7, according to press, Ohira told Schroeder that while Soviet Union and Communist China adopting more flexible policy toward Japan, GOJ policy vis-a-vis bloc remains unchanged. Schroeder told press that Soviets not serious about relaxing tensions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Schroeder statements are useful reminders to public that "spirit of Moscow" not reflected in recent Soviet actions on Autobahn. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Foreign Office Appointments

FonOff announced November 6 appointment of Morio YUKAWA as Ambassador to Belgium and Sato TAKAHASHI as Ambassador to South Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Routine transfers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

CULTURAL

9. Tokyo International Book Exhibition Opens

Fifth annual Tokyo International Book Exhibition opened November 5 under token sponsorship of FonOff and MinFin. Exhibition featured "International White House Library," and included displays from America, Western

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Europe and Soviet bloc. A.P. Wales Company, British firm, assisted by Japan Publications Trading Company of Tokyo, organized exhibition.

American companies used 39 stalls, mainly rented by clients of Feffer and Simons, agent in Japan for various American publishers. American section includes display of books by International Publishers of New York which promoted sale of books by various far-left authors such as William Z. Foster.

Soviet displays had largest number of books, both technical and political, in Japanese, English and Russian. Other bloc countries, notably Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany also had large collections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

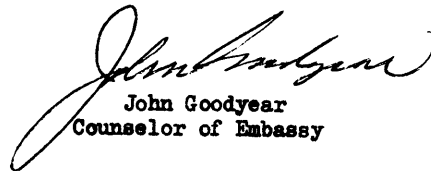
Comment: Exhibit was drab and lacked focus; most American publishers reluctant to participate in view low return for investment. Consequently, books on display in American publishers' section were disappointing in title selection and few in number. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY10. JMSDF Intelligence Chief on Trip to U.S.

Rear Admiral Toshihiko TOMITA (Chief, Intelligence Division, Maritime Staff) and Captain Katsuya KOYAMA (Chief, Communication Section, Maritime Staff) departed November 3 on five weeks' visit to U.S. Trip will include visits to Hawaii and numerous CONUS installations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Tomita and Koyama are very friendly and outgoing, well-oriented toward U.S. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. GOJ Recognizes Vietnam

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POLITICAL

1. Luebke-Schroeder Visit (See WEEKA 45, Item 7)

Twelve-day state visit of President LUEBKE, which began November 6, continues to receive prominent and favorable treatment by press. Visit in Tokyo included special performance by Berlin Opera, attended by Emperor and Empress. German visitors departed November 10 for sightseeing in Kyoto area, followed by boat trip to Kyushu for three-day rest at hot springs prior to departure for Manila.

FonMin Schroeder's talks with Japanese FonMin were completed November 9. In joint communique the two countries pledged cooperation with Free World nations, particularly in context of OECD, expressed intention to exchange cultural institutes, and to hold annual ministerial talks alternately in Tokyo and Bonn. Communique also contained

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Luebke's expression of gratitude for Japanese people's understanding of German reunification efforts.

At press conference November 9 Schroeder said that exports of non-COCOM commodities and loans to Communist countries might be used by West in obtaining concessions, e.g., on travel restrictions between East and West Berlin. (This view appears consistent with press report datelined Bonn November 12 attributing to Chancellor Erhard statement that West Germany will not extend long-term credits to USSR without getting political concessions in return.) Schroeder left for Bonn November 14. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Luebke's visit constituted top-level reaffirmation of long-standing German-Japanese ties and served as appropriate occasion for agreement to develop mutual relationships especially in economic and cultural fields. Specific reference in communique to German reunification places Japan more solidly in FRG camp vis-a-vis the Soviets and was promptly criticized by Radio Moscow. Communique also underscores Schroeder's statements in Japan blaming Soviets for insincerity in relaxing tensions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Defector Chou Still Poisons GOJ-GRC Relations

CHOU Hung-ching has responded to treatment in Red Cross Hospital (WEEKA 45, Item 2) to extent that FonOff concerned over possibility legal action by leftists to effect his release and permit return to mainland. However, GOJ intends keep him in custody until after Japanese general elections November 21. FonOff informed Emb. confidentially that GOJ has asked International Red Cross to ascertain whether Chou wishes go to Taiwan or return mainland. Ambassador KIMURA returned Taipei November 12 after consultations and FonOff has told us he will make greater attempts explain Japanese position. In effort to offset poor publicity, FonOff has explained its position in background to reporter from Taiwan; also hopes IRC participation in case will strengthen GOJ position vis-a-vis GRC and world opinion. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

3. JCP Opposes International Conference On Sino-Soviet Differences

Japan Communist Party came out in opposition to idea of international conference to settle Sino-Soviet dispute in clearly pro-ChiCom editorial in Akahata on November 10. Editorial stated JCP would not endorse proposal "if prompted by desire to hold conference hurriedly and decide matters by majority vote," because such practice would only serve make present disunity "permanent matter." After usual assertion that JCP independent party and neutral in split, editorial went on to defend CCP against accusations that it warlike, stating CCP "consistently struggling for peace in Asia and rest of world"; also denounced "fraternal parties" who criticized CCP and Albanian Workers Party at party congresses, adding that JCP would under no circumstances condone suspension of economic and technical cooperation to ChiComs as tactic in dispute. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Coming during lull in Sino-Soviet polemic, and in absence of other external pressures, editorial appears symptom of mounting intensity of internal debate over Party's position in dispute. Official Japanese sources report there now virtually no official contact between JCP and Soviet Embassy Tokyo, though liaison (and perhaps financing) maintained through so-called "Soviet wing" of Party through individual members, notably Lower House member Yoshio SHIGA; also report that (predominantly pro-ChiCom) JCP Hqs. is not giving Shiga full support in current election campaign, and may cause his defeat. In present atmosphere of internal tension, abrupt shock from outside--such as extremely bad record in coming election, renewal of polemic by Moscow and Peking, or international crisis involving either major party to dispute--could lead to withdrawal of pro-Soviet elements and even more open support of ChiCom by JCP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. SSNs As An Election Issue

JSP efforts to exploit SSN question or election issue have generated some media play that question this week. Responding to open questionnaire submitted by JSP November 9, GOJ asserted that SSN calls at Japanese ports are in accordance U.S.-Japan Security Treaty and that it illogical to assert that calls by SSNs (as opposed Polaris subs) would constitute bringing nuclear weapons into Japan. Reply reaffirmed that basic policy of IKEDA Govt. is to maintain security and prosperity of Japan under Security Treaty, and that GOJ would not place Japanese people under defenseless neutralism. Also stressed solemn promise between U.S. and Japan that nuclear weapons would not be brought into Japan without consent of GOJ. Stated GOJ has been doing best to determine safety of SSNs by listening to views of scientists and scholars, but noted that refusal of Denmark to permit SSN calls had occurred five years ago when safety of SSNs had not yet been conclusively established.

JSP, on November 14, countered with demand that LDP state precisely before elections whether it will or will not permit SSN calls; citing contradictory USG statements re 1960 U-2 incident as evidence bad faith, said belief that SSNs not armed with atomic weapons was equivalent to belief that artillery battalion not armed with cannon. Noting that majority of Japanese scientists are opposed to SSN calls on safety grounds, JSP asserted safety question was one to be determined by scientists and not by politicians. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Exchange constitutes only restatement old positions; no reason believe JSP can make any significant election mileage out of this issue. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Mine, Rail Disasters Shock Nation

Explosion in Mikawa Mine (part of Mitsui Miike Mine complex in Omuta, Fukuoka Prefecture) claimed 451 lives in Japan's worst mine disaster in 50 years. Cause of accident still undetermined, but GOJ, other groups

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investigating. On same day, train accident near Yokohama took 162 lives. JSP and Sohyo seeking to saddle government with blame for accidents on grounds that GOJ rationalization and production speed-up policies led to relaxation safety measures. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite some speculation that accidents might adversely affect LDP chances in elections, Emb. not inclined believe that accidents will appreciably sway voters. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Stabbing Headache

Second would-be stabber of current election campaign was arrested November 13 after attempted knife assault on JCP Chairman Sanzo NOSAKA at Osaka campaign speech-meeting. Masahiro NAKAO (22), member of ultra-nationalist Greater Japan Fatherland Protection League (Dai Nippon Gokokudan), was subdued by members of audience when he leaped from front-row seat and ran at Nosaka on platform. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is type of incident police have feared might be prompted by publicity given to rightist arrested last week for attempted "assassination" of PriMin Ikeda (WEEKA 45, Item 1). Entirely possible other assault cases may follow before close of campaign on November 21. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

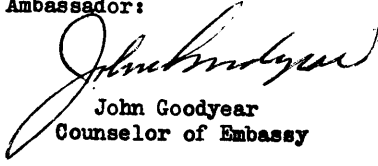
7. GOJ Recognizes Vietnam


GOJ extended recognition new Vietnamese Government November 8. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. 1963 Lower House Election Results

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With/returns from November 21 Lower House elections complete as of 4:30 PM November 22, Liberal Democratic Party had won 283 seats (compared with 296 in 1960 election), Socialist Party 144 seats (145), Democratic Socialist Party 23 seats (17), Communist Party 5 seats (3), and Independents 12 seats (5). Voting rate of 71.14 per cent was lowest since 1947 election; urban election districts, as usual, had lowest rate. All major political figures, including

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all Lower House members Ikeda Cabinet, re-elected, but former PriMin Tanzan Ishibashi (LDP) and Tetsu Katayama (DSP) and score of second-ranking Socialists were defeated. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Results of November 21 vote showed substantial conservative returns, but LDP total of just over 280 successful candidates falls short of providing completely solid backing which PriMin Ikeda had clearly hoped for to enable him to nail down bid for third term next July. With addition of most of Independents expected within few days of election, LDP likely to top 290 (out of 467 seats), which is very ample majority and will probably enable Ikeda to weather any intra-party storms in near future. Election results should probably be interpreted as public expression of satisfaction with status quo and as reflection of absence of burning issues in campaign, despite opposition efforts to agitate public on price issue. While new LDP factional breakdown not complete, it appears that Ikeda faction made respectable showing, Sato almost held own, and Kono made slight gain but not enough to be regarded as clear-cut intra-party "victory".

Major "loser" of election appeared to be JSP, whose steady increase of seats since 1952 elections, was decisively checked. Measured against public expectation of gains and contrasted with successes of Party's leftist rivals (DSP and JCP), JSP performed sufficiently poorly to call for some real soul searching. Seems likely that position of JSP SecGen Narita endangered by results. Whether and how policy orientation of JSP will be effected by results remains to be seen. Almost certain, however, that Party's failure register gains will result greater effort Eda forces to pull JSP to right, while Sasaki faction will see results as repudiation even current degree of moderation of Party, and call for more radical policy.

Major surprises of election were unexpectedly strong showings of DSP and JCP candidates. Likely that JSP lost some extreme leftist votes to JCP as result of policy-ideology differences sharpened by recent confrontation over nuclear testing issue. JCP successes also attributable to Party's intensive membership drive plus very active support of youth organization (Minseido).

DSP probably fashioned surprising victory out of solid Domei Kaigi support and large number of "sympathy votes" for DSP (which was major loser in 1960 election). Striking gain for DSP over 14 seats it held at time of dissolution gives DSP stronger moral voice in Diet. (LOU)

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Cabinet November 22 decided to convene special, post-election Diet session on December 4, to run for about 10 days. Re-election of PriMin Ikeda on December 7 is certain and will be followed by selection third Ikeda Cabinet. Major legislation is scheduled to be held over to regular Diet session scheduled to convene mid-December. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Current betting is that Ikeda will decide to retain most of incumbents in formation of new Ikeda Cabinet. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Reactor Resumes Operation at Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI) (See WEEKA 45, Item 4)

GE's Japan Power Development Reactor (JPDR) resumed operation November 19, day after JAERI management and union signed agreement. GE delivery of JPDR to JAERI expected in January, but could be earlier if no difficulties encountered. Key provisions of labor-management agreement, which covers only JPDR and expires at time of GE turnover to JAERI, include: (1) union undertaking to give 24-hour strike notice and to supply safety crews during strike; (2) JAERI commitment not to take on replacements during strike; and (3) freedom of employees to refuse to work when individual employee judges conditions unsafe. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

MILITARY4. JMSDF Annual Maneuvers

Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) culminates year's training with annual naval maneuvers, being conducted November 15-23. Under VADM Sakuo MIKAMI, Commander-in-Chief, Self-Defense Fleet, 170 ships, 100 aircraft, and 19,000 personnel are participating. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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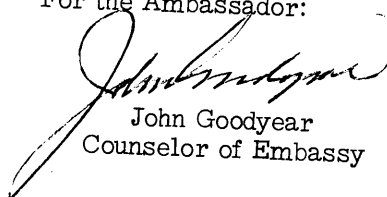
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Maneuver objectives are to conduct training in:
(a) Naval control of shipping and convoy escort in Pacific coastal waters; (b) Harbor defense and anti-mine warfare in Tokyo and Osaka Bays; (c) Anti-submarine air patrols and hunter-killer operations in Pacific coastal waters. "Enemy" forces consist of two U.S. submarines, TIRU and RED FISH, two JMSDF subs, and JASDF and JGSDF units. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Assassination/New President

News of President Kennedy's assassination saturated mass communications for four days. News first reached Japanese public over nationwide NHK and other TV nets as they waited for Relay One communications satellite's first transmission from U.S. (Item 5). Successive transmissions carried details from specially-edited videotapes. Late President was eulogized on unprecedented scale by commentators from all media. His handling of Cuba, Berlin, civil rights, and Barghoorn case were prominently used as evidence of his status as paramount statesman in modern times. Anxiety and concern about America's course appeared in earliest comments but was largely

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dissipated by orderly succession of President Johnson, his statements, his address to Joint Session of Congress, and reassurances relating specifically to U.S.-Japan ties (Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Mass media are showing full measure of confidence in President Johnson. Sense of shock over fact that assassination could occur in "perfect" democracy like U.S. was heightened even more by Oswald slaying which was viewed by many commentators as manifestation of lynch law. (UNCLASSIFIED)

POLITICAL2. GOJ Leaders Comment on Change in U.S. Administration

Following return from attendance President Kennedy's funeral, Prime Minister IKEDA told press conference that U.S. foreign policy, including policy vis-a-vis Japan, will not change under President Johnson. Ikeda also said that Japan's Asian policy would stay unchanged since GOJ independently formulates own policies. He said he has no present plans to meet again with President Johnson in U.S., adding that postponed meeting of U.S.-Japan Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs would probably be rescheduled for late January.

Chief Cabinet Secretary KUROGANE told press November 23 that GOJ felt "very reassured" by President's statement before Congress that Administration would follow President Kennedy's policies. Kurogane expressed GOJ's particular gratification over U.S. pledge to maintain defense commitments and to continue seek peaceful solutions East-West problems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Deep emotional tone of Prime Minister's press conference remarks, most unusual in Japanese public pronouncements, and warm public reception of his remarks demonstrated anew Ikeda's increasingly close rapport with his people, as well as revealing extraordinary impact this tragedy has had. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Lower House Election Results

Final voting tallies in November 21 Lower House election (WEEK 27, Item 1) give LDP 54.7% of popular vote (vs. 57.6% in 1960), JSP - 29.0% (vs. 27.6%), DSP - 7.4% (vs. 8.8%), JCP - 4.0% (vs. 2.9%), and Others - 4.9% (vs. 3.2%). Total conservative vote dropped 1.2% to 59.6%, while JSP/DSP/JCP share rose from 39.3% in 1960 to 40.4%. Despite low voting rate, total national ballot grew from 35.9 million in 1960 to 41.0 million. Eleven of twelve successful independent candidates had joined LDP by November 28, bringing LDP total in Lower House to 294, (as compared 300 seats in 1960 after conservative-independents had joined). New headcount of LDP factions shows KONO improved position in race for party presidency after Ikeda, emerging with estimated 46 members as compared to 48 for principal rival SATO; Ikeda faction returned 47 members as compared 51 at dissolution.

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In post-election statements by party spokesmen, JSP admitted "defeat" and promised reflection and new start; LDP officials tended avoid references to conservative losses, emphasized instead continuation of LDP's solid majority which they cited as popular endorsement of Ikeda program. DSP attributed "victory" to growing public acceptance of DSP as party of "good sense," and JCP held improved party organization and increasing popular response to JCP efforts responsible for "doubling" of communist Diet representation and improved showing of JCP candidates. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Most significant feature of election statistics is fact that rate of leftist gain in popular vote has been markedly reduced. As compared to 1958 - 60 rate of 1.5% per year, advance between 1960 - 63 election amounted to 0.4% annually, at which rate leftists would not achieve popular majority until sometime in 1980's. While precise assessment of break in trend must await detailed analysis, (especially as regards role played by erstwhile DSP votes in districts where party withdrew candidates this election), it is obvious that trend to left has been dampened to significant extent. This does not mean that "progressives" cannot still gain majority in two more elections as JSP had surmised before election; it should demonstrate to them, however, that they cannot depend on inexorability of demographic trends to do job for them.

Still premature to assess how parties will respond to results of election. JSP, which, at least psychologically, took serious beating, is likely experience intensified internal debate on proper "posture" for Party. Reduced rate of "progressive" gain should strengthen hand of mainstream supporters of "EDA-vision" who argue that Party must moderate further if it is ever to achieve national leadership; on other hand, losses to JCP likely to cause anti-mainstream to demand more militant line. Showdown may come at Party convention scheduled January 1964. LDP performance in election clearly gives no grounds for complacency which might have adverse effect on modernization efforts, notably, dissolution of factions; losses, however, were not severe enough to give much added impetus to reform, either. No significant action this regard likely before Party convention next July. Little policy change likely for DSP, though some observers feel election "victory" may influence Party to somewhat more militant attitude vis-a-vis LDP in Diet. JCP is likely to attribute its success to its hard, pro-ChiCom line in recent months, may drift closer to Peking in aftermath of election. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Chou Defector Case Continued

GOJ still saddled this week with CHOU Hung-ching, ChiCom interpreter who earlier announced intention to defect to GRC but subsequently changed mind (WEEKKA 46, Item 2). Chou's "parole" at Japan Red Cross hospital is due to end December 6, and GOJ is faced with choice of complying with his current wish to be returned to mainland (in face of GRC's threat to break

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relations) or making some other arrangement which might anger ChiComs.
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Comment: Embassy is convinced that GOJ's handling has been impartial. ChiCom persuasion has been more effective since Chou's family is still on mainland. GOJ continues its efforts to provide proper atmosphere for freedom of choice for Chou. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL5. First U.S.-Japan Television Transmission Via Relay Satellite

First satellite television transmission from U.S. to Japan at 5:26 AM November 23 (Japan Time) featured program prepared by NBC and ABC, broadcast nationwide by NHK and other television nets. Program included edited film sequences on history of satellite communication, including successes of Relay in its transmissions to other areas of world, and statements by Japanese Ambassador to U.S. TAKEUCHI and NASA Director James WEBB. Death of President Kennedy resulted in deletion of his pre-recorded greetings for occasion (which, however, were separately broadcast later in day). Later transmissions by Relay carried continuing news re assassination, new President, and related events. Broadcasts reached tens of millions of Japanese. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Transmissions obviously heightened emotional impact of assassination in Japan and gave Japanese public deep sense of participation in Kennedy tragedy and its aftermath. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY6. JMSDF Training Fleet Returns

JMSDF Training Fleet, consisting 4 destroyers under command RADM Koji TAKIKAWA, returned Japan November 26 after first post-war visit to countries beyond confines of Pacific. Training Fleet, which left Tokyo July 19 (WEEKA 19, Item 7), conducted reportedly successful visits to South East Asian, Mediterranean, and European countries. Trip was longest in distance and time since WWII. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

7. JMSDF Annual Exercise Shortened by Lost Aircraft

JMSDF annual maneuver (WEEKA 47, Item 4) was terminated one day early due to loss of JMSDF anti-submarine aircraft November 22. Exercise running smoothly as anti-submarine forces ahead in "scoring" (14 aggressor subs declared out of action versus 10 friendly merchant ships). Exercise aircraft S2F-1, due return TOKUSHIMA base 1530 November 22, lost contact after

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1400 and was presumed down at sea. Exercise was terminated to permit air and sea units commence search and rescue operations. Results thus far negative.
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Comment: Accident, which was first fatal one for MSDF since ~~same~~ ^{same} squadron lost same type aircraft year ago (1962 WEEKA 46, Item 9) ^{happened} otherwise very successful exercise. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Death of Deputy Director General for Operations, MSA.

Tadaki HINO, Deputy Director General for Operations, Maritime Safety Agency, died of tetanus infection at 0700, November 29. His successor was not immediately named. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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9. Dishonorable Discharge for GSDF Lt. Colonel			10. New JDA Foreign Liaison Counselor Appointed (WEEKA 44, Item 8)		11. Japanese Air Attache Returns from Washington	
POLITICAL			1. Special Diet Session		Principal business of special Diet session convened December 4 is to elect new Lower House officers and committee chairmen, and designate Prime Minister, as required by Constitution in wake of general elections. So far, because of deadlock over LDP's effort again to "monopolize" both Speaker and Vice Speaker posts, Diet had decided	
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nothing but length of session (15 days). Disagreement seems likely delay formality of redesignation of Ikeda as Prime Minister for several more days, but there are limits to opposition's ability hold out on this issue. Accordingly, redesignation of Ikeda and his formation of "Third Ikeda Cabinet" (Second resigned December 4) likely next week, after which Diet will try to complete action on supplementary budget and related bills. No other items in legislative backlog (ILO 87 Ratification, OECD accession, etc.) likely to be acted on until regular session, which commences December 20, but will not transact much business until after New Year recess. Very few, if any, changes are expected in cabinet. To fill Diet offices, LDP has nominated Naka FUNADA (ONO faction) as Speaker and Isaji TANAKA (ISHII faction) as Vice Speaker. This has engendered sharp confrontation between Construction Minister Ichiro KONO (who backed Funada for speakership) and Science & Technics Agency Director Eisaku SATO (who backed Mitsujiro ISHII). Sizeable "stop-Kono" movement has been kicked off within LDP, since Kono faction came out of elections with strength on par with Sato's and Ikeda's, thanks to ruthless campaign tactics that made Kono many new enemies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy believes current predictions of duel to death between Sato and Kono may be premature. JSP insistence on Vice Speakership is not without reason. While there is no constitutional or other requirement that major opposition party should hold vice speakership, Socialists in fact held post for much of postwar period, losing it only as recently as 1961, and they claim LDP promised to give it back. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Defector Chou's Stay Extended (WEEKA 48, Item 4)

Justice Ministry decided December 5 to keep CHOU Hung-ching in Red Cross Hospital for "the time being" for sake of his mental health and personal safety. Chinese Embassy has complained that hospital authorities had prevented Chou from seeing GRC officials, but Mainichi, in exclusive article Dec. 5, reported interview with Chou, who said he did not wish to see GRC officials and asserted original defection was caused by harassment by GRC agents and his depression at inability to perform his task as interpreter efficiently. Also on Dec. 5 JSP demanded of Foreign Minister OHIRA that Chou be repatriated immediately for humanitarian reasons. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Government is continuing to delay Chou's return in hopes that issue will diminish in importance in GRC eyes. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. ROK-GOJ Fisheries Negotiations Again at Dead Center

Korean negotiators Nov. 29 presented proposals for basis further fisheries negotiations. Proposals called for Japanese to abstain from trawler

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fishing out to approximately 40 miles from west coast and in some areas near Cheju Do, and Japanese abstention from all fishing in areas near Pusan. Koreans also contended that agreement on fishing zones contingent upon satisfactory arrangement concerning Japanese economic assistance to Korean fisheries industry. Japanese asserted Korean proposal did not represent any attempt at compromise and that negotiations are now deadlocked. Korean Ambassador PAE has suggested that discussions be continued in Seoul later this month if meeting between Foreign Ministers KIM and OHIRA is cancelled. GOJ has agreed consider. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Korean proposal permits certain types fishing within 40-mile line, therefore could be considered some relaxation previous position. However, requirement that Japanese abstain from most important types of fishing within 40-mile line and insistence upon economic assistance on terms Japanese say are impossible leads us to doubt that agreement can be reached in near future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Diplomatic Assignments

Takezo SHIMODA, formerly Ambassador to Belgium, returned to FonOff December 3 to prepare for new assignment as Ambassador to USSR.

Otoshiro KURODA, Ambassador to Lebanon, has been given additional responsibilities of representing Japan in Cyprus and Jordan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Shimoda served as Minister in Washington prior to Brussels assignment and is favorably known to Embassy as warm friend U.S. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Postal and Railway Workers Threaten Slow-Down

Postal Workers Union, in repetition of annual tactic of refusing to work overtime as year-end volume of mail increases, is demanding that Postal Ministry grant winter bonus equal to 2½ months' pay and withdraw plan for private funding of improvements for post office buildings. Ministry has expressed willingness to negotiate on bonus demand and to delay consideration of latter; union insists that both demands be considered simultaneously.

Engineers Union has instructed membership on national railroads to refuse overtime work and to engage in slow-down tactics (by meticulous adherence to work rules) short of strikes as year-end traffic becomes heavier. Union issued these orders to pressure National Railway Corp. into meeting demands for safety guarantees in working conditions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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from TOKYOCULTURAL6. Okochi Elected President of Tokyo University

On October 30 Kazuo OKOCHI, formerly Chairman of Economics Department, was elected President of Tokyo University, Japan's most influential educational institution, for four year term. The 57 year-old scholar succeeded Seiji KAYA, formerly dean of science faculty.

Okochi is best known for his work in labor-management field. In 1960 he visited U.S. with group of labor-management professors under ICA auspices. In 1961 he lead team of Sohyo leaders to the U.S. under Asia Foundation sponsorship. He translated USIS glossary of labor relations terms, and has served on Central Labor Relations Commission. He has written about fifteen books, mostly in labor field.

At first press conference Okochi promised to protect autonomy of universities, voiced doubts about scholastic aptitude tests being given experimentally to high school and junior high students, and called efforts for central government control of universities a mistake. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Presidency of Tokyo University gives Okochi leadership position in intellectual community. Okochi is highly intelligent, independent intellectual who holds tenaciously to philosophy which is noticeably less extreme than that of his doctrinaire colleagues in economics department. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY7. Third Defense Buildup Planning Started

GSO has completed preliminary estimates for Third Defense Buildup Plan which covers 1967-1971 period. Increasing GSDF strength by 30,000 men, Plan calls for establishment of two regimental combat teams, modernization of equipment, and increased aviation and artillery support. Equipment costs alone total more than 289 billion yen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Plan as presently conceived can be fully realized only if there is major improvement of public opinion and governmental support of JSDF. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. New MSA Deputy Director General for Operations Appointed

Jikichi SHIBUYA, Chief Administrative Inspector, Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) was appointed to succeed Tadaki HINO (deceased - see WEEK 48,

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Item 8) as Deputy Director General for Operations, MSA, effective December 5.
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Comment: Shibuya's appointment came as something of surprise since past three Dep Dir Gens for Operations have all been appointed from incumbent Chief, Guard & Rescue Div., MSA. MSA source previously stated that there some feeling in MSA HQ that present Guard & Rescue Div. Chief, Takeao INOKUCHI, not yet "ready" for MSA's number 3 position. (CONFIDENTIAL)

9. Dishonorable Discharge for GSDF Lt. Colonel

Japan Defense Agency announced dishonorable discharge of Lt. Colonel Naotake KOIZUMI, Commander, 101st Topographic Survey Battalion at Tachikawa. Among other charges, Koizumi was accused of receiving five million yen (\$13,890) for production of maps for private tourist company. In absence code of military justice in Japan, discharge was by administrative action. Case is being referred to civil police. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: A graduate of Imperial Military Academy, Koizumi had been Lt. Colonel since 1955. He impressed American officers as extrovert with appearance and manner of an "operator".

With a tradition and record of personal integrity, Self Defense Force officers reacting to case with embarrassment and distaste. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. New JDA Foreign Liaison Counselor Appointed (WEEK 44, Item 8)

Foreign Office announcement of transfer of Defense Agency Counselor for Foreign Liaison, Jiro INAGAWA, to Consul General, Honolulu, anticipated by 10 December. INAGAWA planning to arrive Honolulu by 1 January 1964.

Masayuki HARIGAI, Counselor, Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau, Foreign Office, tentatively selected to replace Inagawa. Harigai born 7 March 1915, graduated Law Dept. Tokyo University 1939, served in Shanghai, Portland, Oregon, Manila, and was former Consul General Honolulu. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Harigai is well qualified for new assignment. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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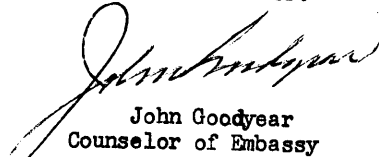
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from TOKYO11. Japanese Air Attache Returns from Washington

Col. Tadashige SAKURAI, having just completed tour as Air Attache in Washington, has been assigned Chief, Second Intelligence Branch, Air Staff Office. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Logical assignment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Summary of 37th Fortnightly Meeting, December 4, 1963

1. Malaysia. Briefing at Japanese request included following. Nasution visit to Washington broke little new ground but clarified respective positions on Malaysia dispute. Nasution repeated known Indonesian arguments. He gave no indication of Indonesian ~~willingness~~ willingness ease up on confrontation policy; saw chance for ultimate settlement of dispute through Maphilindo; was not optimistic about achieving settlement in short run; but reiterated Indonesian readiness talk with Philippines and Malaysia any time. US emphasized to Nasution US desire for Asians settle dispute themselves. We also stressed mutual interest of US and Indonesia in defense of area. Japanese Embassy officers were told we do not expect Malaysian settlement before January Malaysian elections. We expect Macapagal to make efforts at softening confrontation during forthcoming meeting with Sukarno. Macapagal current African trip presumably designed enable him meet Sukarno on ~~an~~ equal terms as Afro-Asian spokesman. With regard Subandrio visit to Kalimantan, we have no indication visit signifies important stepup in guerrilla activities. We had received no indication from Nasution of relative emphasis placed on various

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various types of confrontation by Indonesia but we continue believe economic extremely important.

2. Viet-Nam. Department officer responded along following lines to Japanese queries. We have no indication of any overt opposition to Junta. No immediate sign that personality clashes among 22 member Junta, which commonly arise in any Vietnamese group, are or will become unmanageable. Transfer of certain general officers, reported in press, ~~was~~ was never finalized, to our knowledge. Any transfer of senior officers is difficult due to shortage of qualified senior Vietnamese officers. With regard reported changes in strategic hamlet program, US had long felt need consolidate hamlets, particularly south of Saigon in Mekong Delta. Ngo Dinh Nhu, to whom program was closely related, had in fact agreed last September on need for consolidation. This never really got underway. General Minh recently discussed future of hamlets with Ambassador Lodge, emphasizing basic soundness of concept. US continues believe hamlets are good idea and that more strategic hamlets will need to be constructed in future, but at slower rate than in past and in more organized fashion, with proper program of education for the people. On Sihanouk proposal of international conference to guarantee Cambodian neutrality, US has taken no decision re participation, and matter is under study. At any such international conference, US would not want discuss any aspects Viet-Nam situation and would desire come to prior understanding with Thai and Vietnamese. We have noted press reports concerning latest Sihanouk proposal of neutral confederation including Cambodia and Viet-Nam but have no further information on this.

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Us has resumed commodity aid to Viet-Nam. PL-480 agreements will be negotiated.

3. Korea. Japanese were briefed on President Pak's visit to Washington along lines Deptel 470 to Seoul, being repeated Tokyo.

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POLITICAL

1. Diet Settles Down To Business

Stalemate over procedures in special Diet session (WEEKA 49, Item 1) was broken December 7 when Opposition backed down from its insistence on Vice Speakership and proportional allocation of committee chairmanships. Naka FUNADA and Isaji TANAKA (both LDP) elected as Speaker and Vice Speaker on same day; on December 9 Diet redesignated IKEDA as PriMin and elected new committee chairman (all LDP). PriMin

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immediately formed his third cabinet, retaining previous lineup intact. On December 10, following formal opening ceremonies and policy addresses by PriMin and Finance Minister TANAKA, plenary debate began; this was concluded next day and Diet got down to principal concrete business of session: passage of supplementary budget and related measures (including government employees' pay raise). Neither speeches nor debate revealed anything new of substance. Socialist spokesmen probed in usual places (nuclear submarines, Okinawa, China policy, Japan-ROK talks, etc.) and elicited from Ikeda reaffirmation of existing policy. Of timely interest was JSP attempt represent U.S. forces redeployment as "pressure" on Japan to increase defense expenditures; in response, Ikeda restated GOJ intention of steadily strengthening its defenses in proportion to national economic power. Highlight of debate was portion related to change of Presidents in U.S. PriMin stressed continuity of peaceful orientation of U.S. and free world policy. JSP spokesman appeared to be trying to draw inference that loss of President Kennedy meant GOJ must work harder for peace; however, main thrust of opposition interpellations in this connection was personal attack on Ikeda, in which JSP cited his alleged vacillation about whether to attend funeral and even worked in alleged remark by DE GAULLE that Ikeda seemed more like transistor salesman than statesman. Ikeda pointed out that U.S. had asked that delegations be kept modest; he expressed shock and anger that Socialist would stoop to quote gossip that had been denied by French Foreign Office and which appeared originally in publication that had also termed late President Kennedy "chicken salesman." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Resort by JSP to personal attack on Ikeda was keyed to recent sniping at him by his rivals within LDP and probably intended aggravate conservatives' factional dissension. Ikeda will remain vulnerable--though not fatally so--to such attacks until order is restored among LDP factions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Hiroshima, Nagasaki Bombings Called "Illegal" By Tokyo District Court

Tokyo District Court released opinion December 7 that atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was violation of international law. In suit filed April 1955 against GOJ, five A-bomb victims had argued that (1) U.S. use of atomic weapons was violation of international law for which compensation due, and (2) by waiving claim to war damages in peace treaty, GOJ had deprived victims of right to recover compensation and should therefore make direct compensation to plaintiffs. Court judgment rejected basic claim for damages on grounds that individuals have no rights to compensation under international law and hence there no basis for private claims against GOJ; also commented that use of atomic weapons against targets composed largely of defenseless non-combatants was in violation of principles of both 1907 Hague Convention and 1868 St. Petersburg Declaration.

Decision was given headline play in press, with rejection of plaintiffs' damage claim downplayed in favor of more newsworthy obiter dictum on illegality

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of atomic bombings. Official GOJ spokesmen, including PriMin Ikeda in Diet interpellation, have taken position that in absence of nuclear weapons ban it "very difficult" to conclude that bombings were illegal; spokesman for Justice Ministry stated that, although Ministry did not agree with Judge's view re illegality of atomic bombings, it would not appeal decision since basic judgment on compensation claim favored state. Counsel for plaintiffs expressed dissatisfaction with rejection of claims, although he called statement on atomic bombings "significant"; further announced he will decide whether to appeal after consulting plaintiffs. Of five plaintiffs, however, one is known dead and present whereabouts of three others are unknown; this fact, together with possibility of even less favorable decision by higher court, may well discourage him from further action. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Tokyo District Court has lengthening record of sensational decisions, best known of which are 1959 "Sunakawa" ruling, which declared U.S.-Japan Security Treaty unconstitutional (WEEKA 15, Item 6), and 1954 "Popolo" decision, which denied police authorities access to on-campus political activities on grounds of "academic freedom" (WEEKA 21, Item 4); both were reversed by higher courts. While that portion of judgment condemning use of A-bombs may appear to outsiders as gratuitous and politically based, this view unlikely to be shared by bulk of Japanese public, which strongly censures U.S. for Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks. Some use will doubtless be made of Judge's statement by organized left in anti-U.S. propaganda, but with minimal effect. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Chou Case

ChiCom defector CHOU Hung-ching remains under heavy guard in Red Cross hospital. Justice Vice Minister AMANO told Upper House December 12 that GOJ will handle matter as regular immigration case rather than diplomatic case. He asserted that responsibility for any misunderstandings must rest on Chou, who must decide what he wants to do and give reasons therefore. Amano said he hoped Chou might leave by December 20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Reportedly, Chou is determined to return to mainland, but GOJ has not yet found formula to allow him to do so without seriously damaging already strained relations with GRC. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Ohno Attending Pak Inauguration

LDP Vice President leading Japanese delegation to ROK President PAK's inauguration December 17. FonOff Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU also in party. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Both PriMin Ikeda and FonMin OHIRA have stated publicly that OHNO will not undertake any negotiations during trip. However, informal conversations of Ohno, Ushiroku, and other members of party may prove useful. Next negotiating session scheduled December 20. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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GOJ spokesmen have been cautious in responding to newsmen's inquiries concerning GOJ views on reported Franco-ChiCom agreement to establish diplomatic relations, but have reasserted position that Japanese policy toward Peiping determined independently and that present GOJ policy not changing. In this connection, during Diet interpellation December 12, Ikeda said GOJ had no plans send Government trade mission to Communist China. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Press reports from Paris have created great interest here. If reports should prove true there would be considerable pressure for GOJ attempt same formula. GOJ can be expected consult with U.S. on this question. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. JSP Chairman Announces Intention To Stay On Job

JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI at press conference December 7 announced intention to seek reelection at party convention scheduled for February 20. Kawakami indicated he did not plan on remaining in office long enough to head party in next general elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Even before elections it had been anticipated that Kawakami would seek another term and that JSP would elect him, primarily for lack of suitable alternative. Kawakami's ready admission of election "defeat" caused some raised eyebrows in Party, but his active campaigning on behalf numerous candidates despite advancing age (72) was well regarded and likely to assure him of reelection unopposed. Most party leaders believe, however, that JSP should project younger image and that Kawakami's next one-year term should be his last. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Washington Heights Officially Returned To Japanese

Washington Heights, USAF housing area, and last remaining major U.S. military facility in metropolitan Tokyo, was officially returned to GOJ on December 10. The 900,000-square meter plot, formerly a training and review ground for Imperial Army, will become Olympic Village, home of athletes attending 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. An additional part of area, returned to GOJ early this year, will be site of indoor olympic events. Former occupants now moved to housing facility (on outskirts Tokyo) constructed by GOJ as alternate facility. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

8. Royal Visitor

Danish Princess Margrethe arrived December 12 for six-day unofficial visit which includes protocol activities in Tokyo and sightseeing in Kyoto. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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Lambda II, latest in series of sounding rockets developed by Tokyo University's Institute of Industrial Science, was launched successfully December 11 at Institute's Kagoshima Space Center, which had opened formally December 9. Rocket--two-stage, solid-fuel type, 16.5 meters long and weighing over 6 tons--reached record (for Japanese) altitude of about 410 kilometers. Instruments aboard reportedly functioned well in transmitting information on ionosphere, etc. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Successful launch helps erase failure Lambda I during firing in August (when second stage failed ignite). It will probably also help Institute's budget requests for next year and perhaps strengthen its position in resisting efforts by Science and Technology Agency to acquire larger powers to coordinate Japanese space program, including university activities. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY10. New Joint Staff Council Intelligence Chief

Effective December 16, RADM Kazutoshi KUHARA, J-2, Joint Staff Council, will be relieved by Col. Eizo HORI, GSDF, former Military Attache to West Germany. Kuhara will relieve RADM Koji TAKIGAWA as Commander-in-Chief, Training Fleet. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Hori, who, according to one source, will be promoted to MAJGEN in January, has been described as clear, forceful thinker; strong physically and mentally. RADM Kuhara's new assignment good omen for his future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

11. JMSDF Intelligence Chief Returns From U.S. Visit

RADM Toshihiko TOMITA, Chief of Intelligence Division, Maritime Staff Office (MSO) returned to Tokyo December 11 after 5-week visit to mainland U.S. and Hawaii (WEEKA 45, Item 10). He was accompanied by Captain Katsuya KOYAMA, Chief of Communications Section, MSO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Trip appears to have been successful. (UNCLASSIFIED)

12. Tokyo Olympic Support Group Inaugurated

Formal establishment of Tokyo Olympic Support Group was celebrated with inauguration ceremony December 10 at Group Headquarters in Camp Ichigaya. Support Group Headquarters, commanded by Major General Haruo UMEZAWA, GSDF, and manned by staff of 66, will control the training and operations of some 7,000 men from the three services in administrative and logistical support of the 1964 Olympics (WEEKA 31, Item 7). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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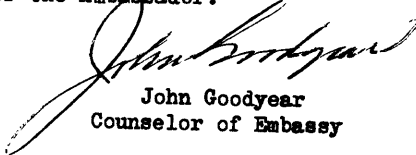
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On December 10 a GSDP L-19 liaison plane crashed near Gotemba City, in the Fuji maneuver area, killing passenger (a GSDP Captain), and seriously injuring pilot. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first fatal aircraft accident by the Ground Self Defense Force during 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Diet Hibernates

Post-election special session of Diet ended December 18 having accomplished all it set out to do:--supplementary budget and related bills, in addition to set procedural business of electing PriMin, naming Lower House officers, etc. Forty-sixth (regular) Diet session commencing December 20 but will transact no business before going into year-end recess, from which it will not emerge until about January 20, after Liberal Democrat convention of January 16-17. Despite surface somnolence, metabolic processes continue; almost all of LDP leaders have now announced dissolution of their factions, step symptomatic not only of undiminished pressures for reform within Party but also of complex maneuvering going

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on between SATO, KONO, and Ikeda. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Budget compilation process has now become center of attention for press and politicians. LDP convention slated discuss Takeo MIKI's reform plan which could strike sparks. However, outlook now is for relative quiet at least until regular session gets under way. Sato and his allies had been hoping exploit sentiment for factional dissolution as means to isolate Kono; he not only parried by agreeing dissolve his own faction but also, by insisting that LDP leaders dissolve their factional fund-collecting apparatus as well, executed skillful riposte. While fencing thus continues within LDP, there are still no signs that this poses direct threat to Ikeda. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. ROK-Japan Talks

LDP Vice President Bamboko OHNO, attending ROK inauguration ceremonies in Seoul, announced December 18 that he had agreed with Korean officials to hold high-level political talks in Seoul in January to hasten conclusion normalization negotiations.

Foreign Minister OHIRA indicated to Ambassador December 18 strong determination reach agreement, reiterating that GOJ position on 12-mile line is non-negotiable but that GOJ position is flexible re aid to Korean fisheries industry. FonOff working-level officials state no progress has been made at technical level in fisheries negotiations and have noted that details negotiations on other questions still remain.

Consulate Fukuoka reports that four-man ROK fisheries investigation team arrived Fukuoka December 1 for talks with official and private fisheries circles. According to press, Japanese fisheries representatives expressed resentment at ROK seizure Japanese vessels and arrest Japanese fishermen. Spokesman asserted that Japanese patience reaching limit and demands for use of force to protect Japanese fishing boats growing. Fisheries Administration Chief WADA authored Fukuoka newspaper article suggesting that ROK attempting to justify restrictions on Japanese fishermen by pointing to technical backwardness of ROK fisheries. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: FonOff has long thought negotiations in Seoul might facilitate progress, but believes that political level discussions premature until greater agreement reached at technical level. While Ohno's announcement regarding desire for political level discussions reflects general official desire for early normalization, Embassy believes GOJ will first want further progress at lower levels. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. GOJ Still Seeks Answer to Chou Case Dilemma

CHOU's latest parole to Japanese Red Cross ends December 20, and Foreign

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Office now seeking means to keep him a little longer in Japan. Socialist members of House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee requested Chou's appearance before that committee December 18, but LDP majority on committee defeated this proposal. Foreign Minister Ohira subjected to lengthy and hostile questioning before committee December 18. FonMin told Ambassador December 18 that GOJ, rather than requesting International Red Cross or other outside help in settling question, believes GOJ assumption full responsibility would make for cleaner-cut solution and minimize GRC loss of face. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: There are pressures both from Socialists and from within Government, particularly Justice Ministry, to get rid of Chou, but Foreign Ministry holding out for more time to blunt GRC reaction. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Public Service Wage Increase Approved

National Personnel Authority's recommended average 6.7 percent wage increase for public service employees, including military personnel, was approved by the Diet on December 18, effective October 1. Diet members also voted ¥80,000 monthly increase for themselves. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Government service increases are designed to cover rise in living costs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Year-end Labor Disputes Intensified (See WEEKA 49, Item 5)

Postal Workers Union's (Zentei) continued refusal to work overtime as tactic to gain year-end demands has caused heavy backlog of undelivered mail, forcing Postal Ministry to employ large number temporary workers for year-end period and to curtail intra-urban package delivery. Failure to reach agreement has led union to intensify pressure, including encouragement of regular employees to take their furloughs now.

Locomotive Engineers Union's (Doryokusha) slow-down tactics and refusal to work overtime were augmented by two-hour limited strikes at seven key locations on December 13. Similar 2-hour walk-outs scheduled for December 20 were cancelled at last minute in face of disciplinary action by Japan National Railways including dismissal and suspension of strikers. Specific strike objective is to oppose JNR plan to modernize rail operations. (Unclassified)

Comment: None

6. Danish Princess Ends Visit (WEEK 50, Item 8)

Princess Margrethe returned to Denmark on December 18 after week's visit which included several social functions with Japanese Imperial family and many public appearances. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From TOKYOComment: Visit well received by Japanese public.PSYCHOLOGICAL7. Media Reaction President's United Nations Speech

President Johnson's speech to United Nations given top play in Japanese press, radio-TV, with most major papers carrying full text. Headlines stressed President's goals of ending cold war, eliminating disease, hunger and ignorance. Editorial comment said speech would help ease fear of some AA nations that US policy would change. (UNCLASSIFIED)


Comment: Heavy media play indicates deep continuing interest in President's approach international problems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY8. Visit to Tokyo of Indonesian Minister of Defense

General A. H. NASUTION, Indonesian Minister of Defense, with Mrs. Nasution and party of seven arrived Tokyo 13 December and departed 19 December enroute to Djakarta via Manila and possibly Bangkok. General Nasution appeared somewhat tired and less communicative than usual according to Japanese officials with whom he spoke. Atmosphere during visit was cordial but reportedly nothing of substance discussed. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

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